STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE 1982

VERBUM DEI HIGH SCHOOL
11100 SOUTH CENTRAL AVENUE
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Eagles are magnificent creatures. They are the kings of the sky. Eagles are specked with glorious hues of white, brown, and gold. Their fierce, intense eyes reflect the sun's glory as two bright jewels.

But it is the eagle's proud manner and distinguished power with which he rules. An eagle then, is the appropriate symbol for a school like ours which bears itself proudly, and distinguishes itself as a leader from all others in academics and athletics. As an eagle scans the horizon, we too search for ways to better ourselves. Always restless, never satisfied, we strive for new paths, new ways, and for greater things. We strive for excellence.

We strive for excellence in the classroom. Each day we encounter new problems, new words, new ideas which challenge us to think to work. Striving for greater knowledge!

We strive for excellence in athletics. On the field, the track, and court we push ourselves further and further. Striving to be better and stronger. Striving to be champions!

We strive to be closer with God. A prayer before class. A moment's peace in the chapel. A day spent on retreat. Struggling with our doubts, wrestling with our fears, striving to be one with the Lord.

But we do not always succeed. We stumble sometimes. We do not always win in the classroom or on the field. If we stumble, we pick ourselves up. If we fall, we try again. And again.

In our pursuit for greater knowledge, our quest for victory, and in our journey with the Lord — we, the mighty Eagles, strive for excellence!

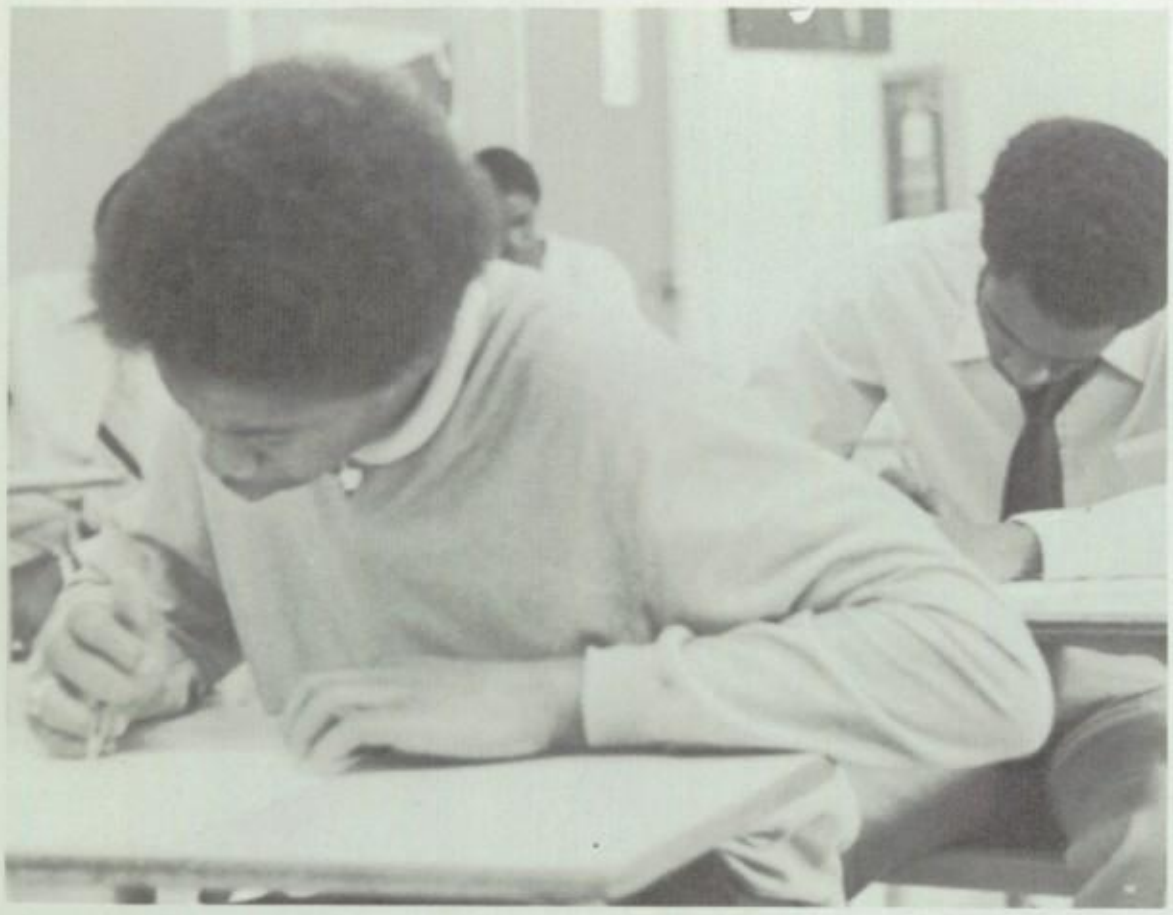
Louis D. Reyes "83"

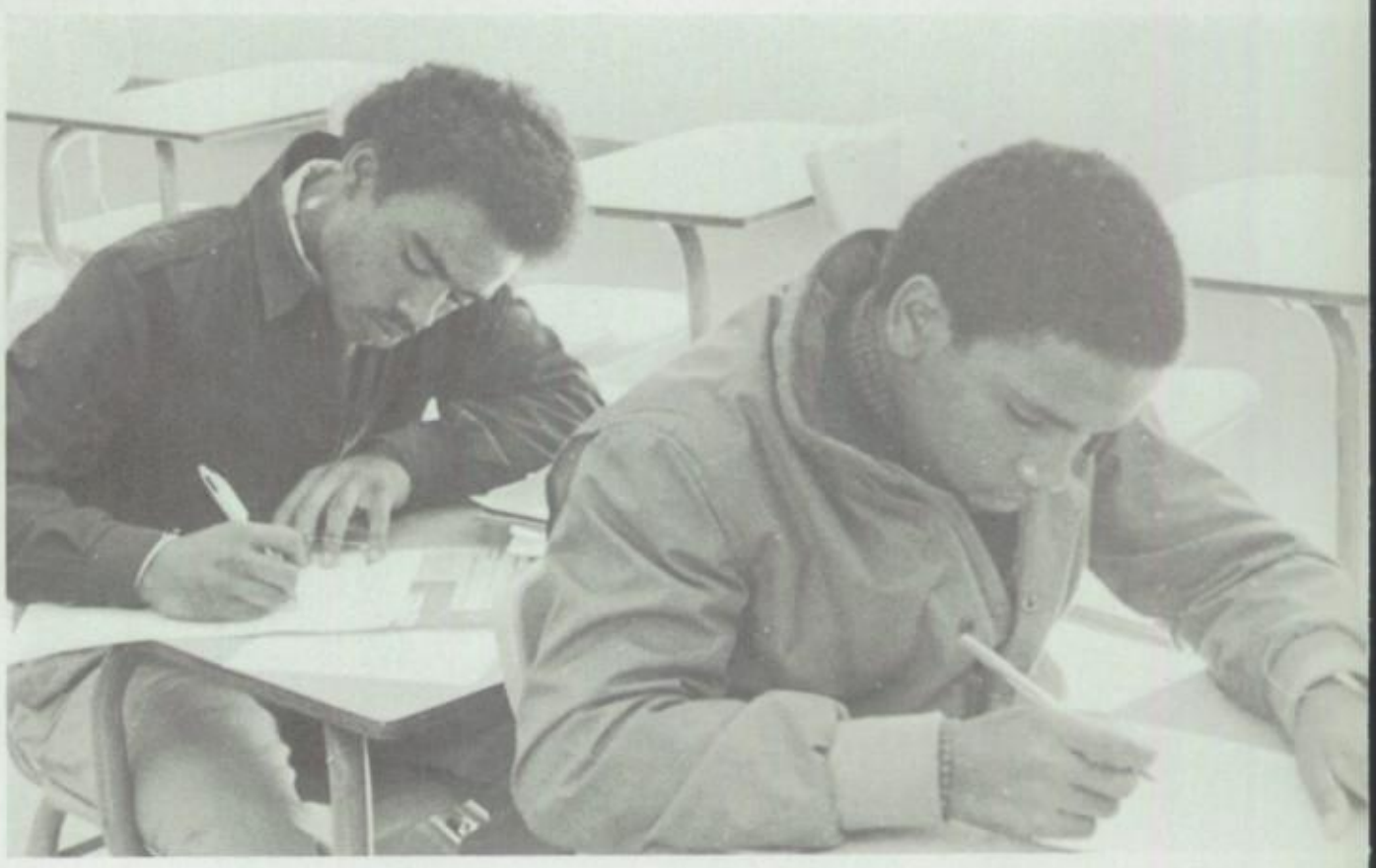
The students of Verbum Dei are proud to dedicate this issue of the 1981-82 yearbook, "Strive for Excellence", to the Mendoza brothers: Lalo, Bob, and Elio.

Never has there been a family in Verbum Dei's history which has shown so much love and support to the students as have the Mendozas. For years Lalo, Bob, and Elio have involved themselves with the students through atletics and academics. Each has taken the time to offer a word of encouragement, some helpful advice, or perhaps a much needed kick in the pants! Lalo, Bob, and Elio have been a tremendous source of inspiration for hundreds of students.

With ˏreat admiration we would like to thank the Mendozas for their concern, care, and dedication to the students of Verbum Dei High School. Best wishes for your future success, health, and happiness!

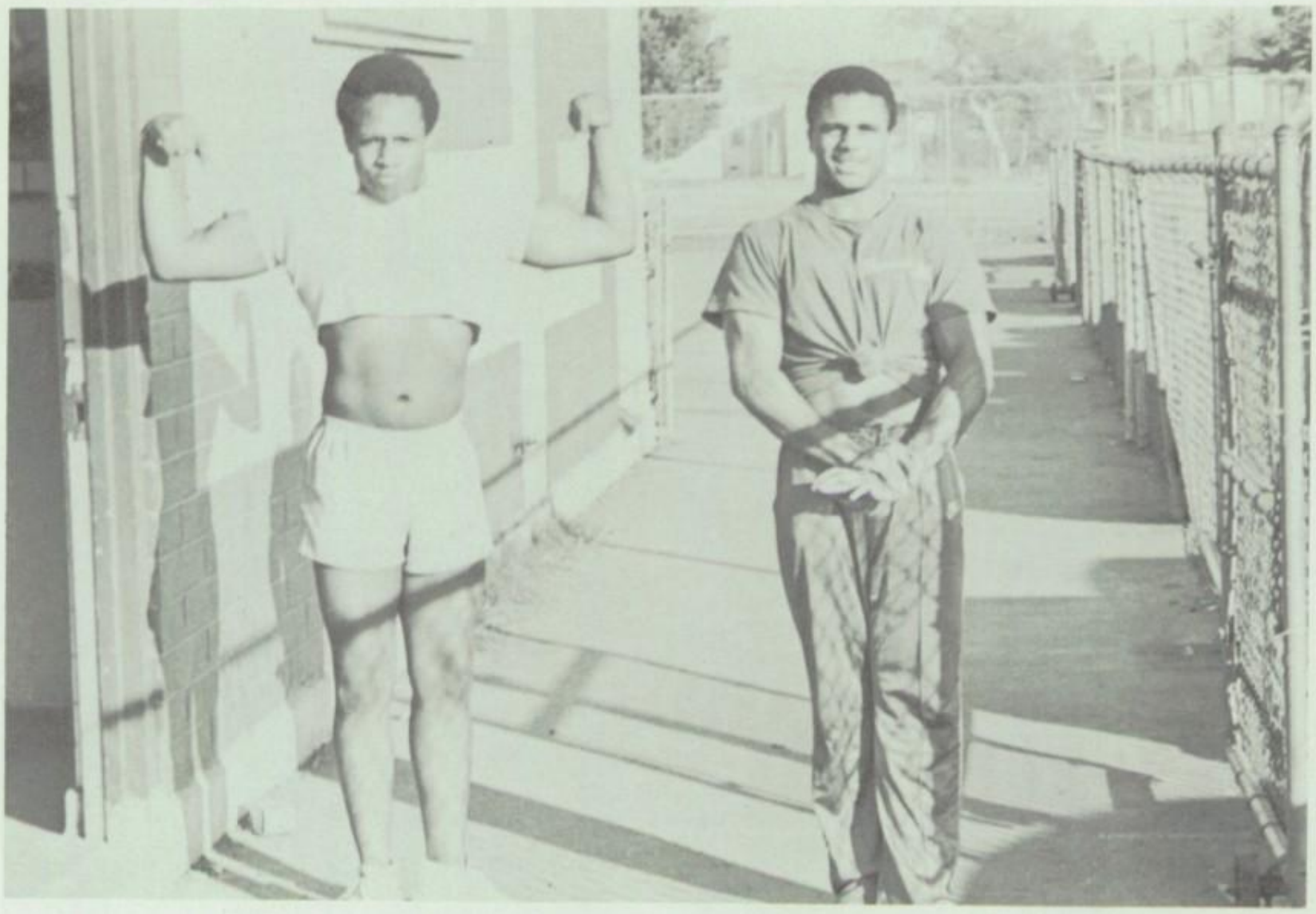
The Mendoza brothers, from left to right, Elio, Lalo, and Bob.





Sensible sophomores.

Typical sophomores.



Pumping Iron, Michael McCaskill and Elvin Ware.

Eagle fans.

"The Verb!!!"

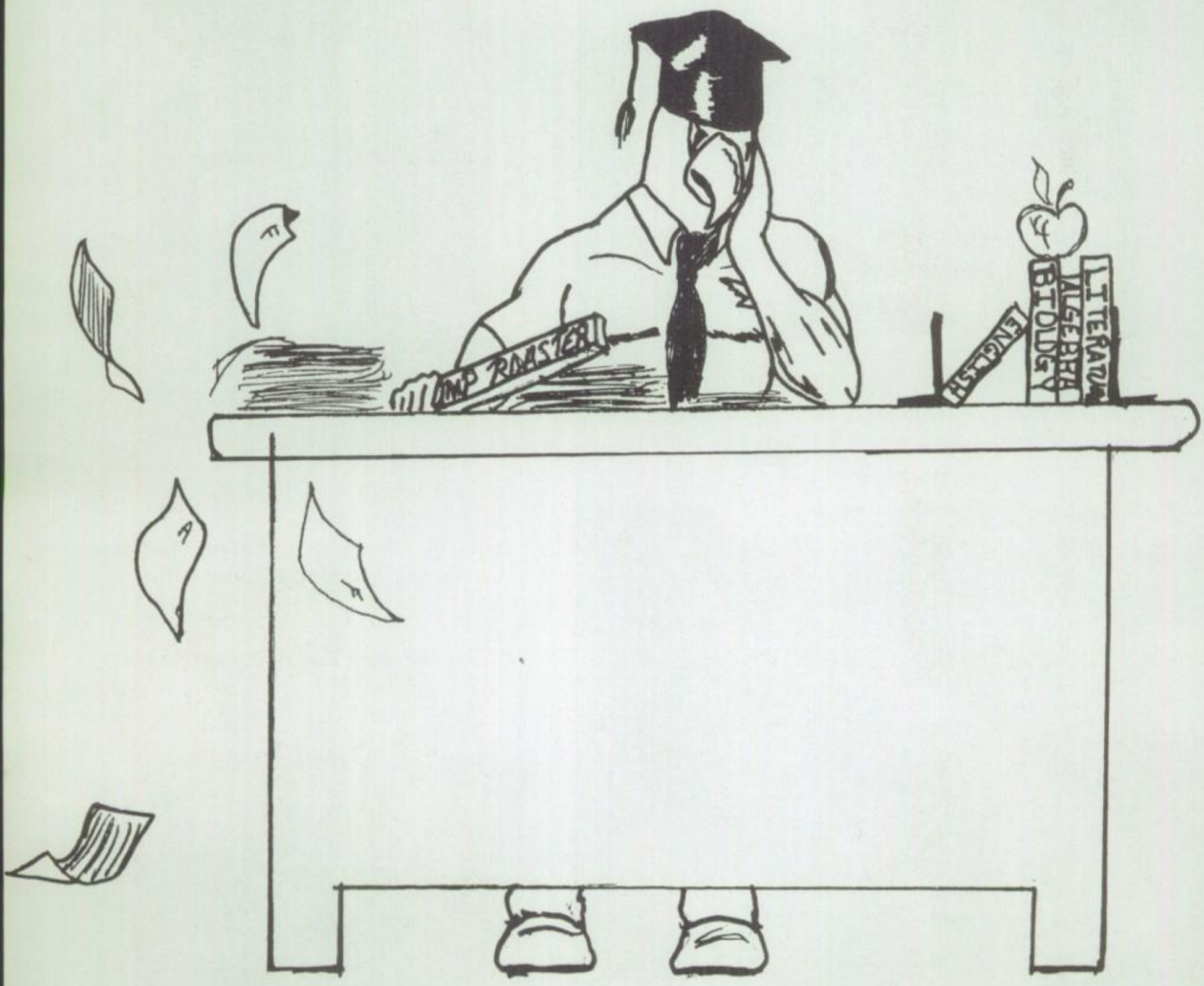
Seniors in the library??

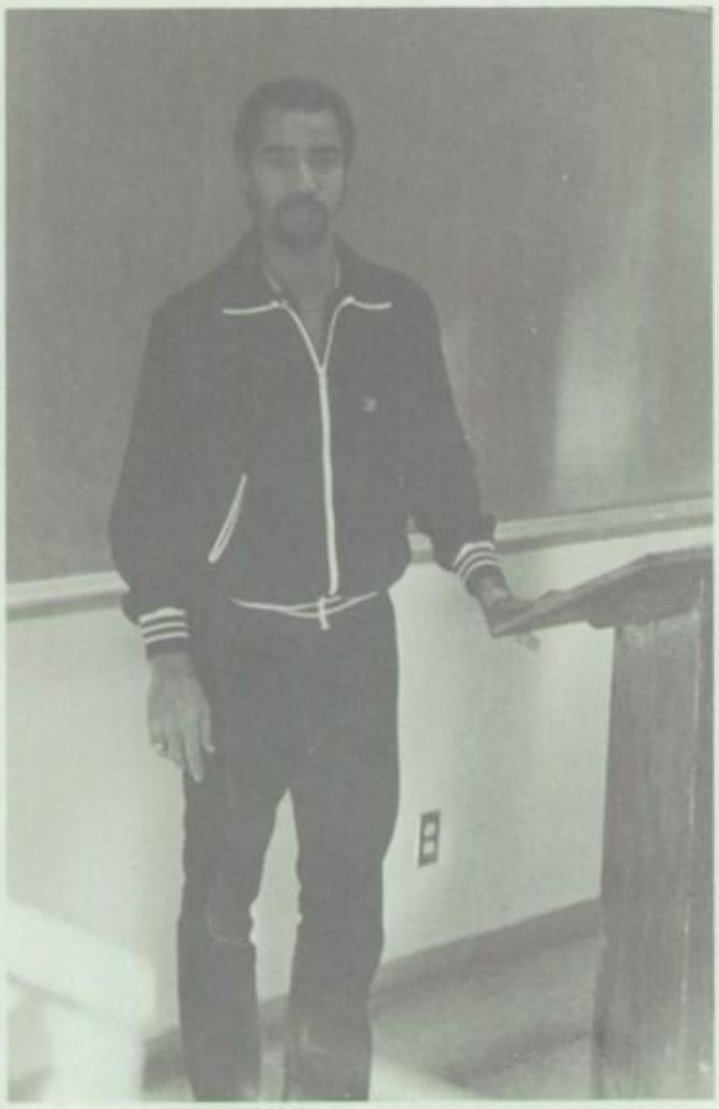
(above) Lunch in Senior Square

(left) Fr. Hutchins and Rev. Wadeson discuss the meaning of life.

(below) Brother "B.B." sprays his roses.

FACULTY



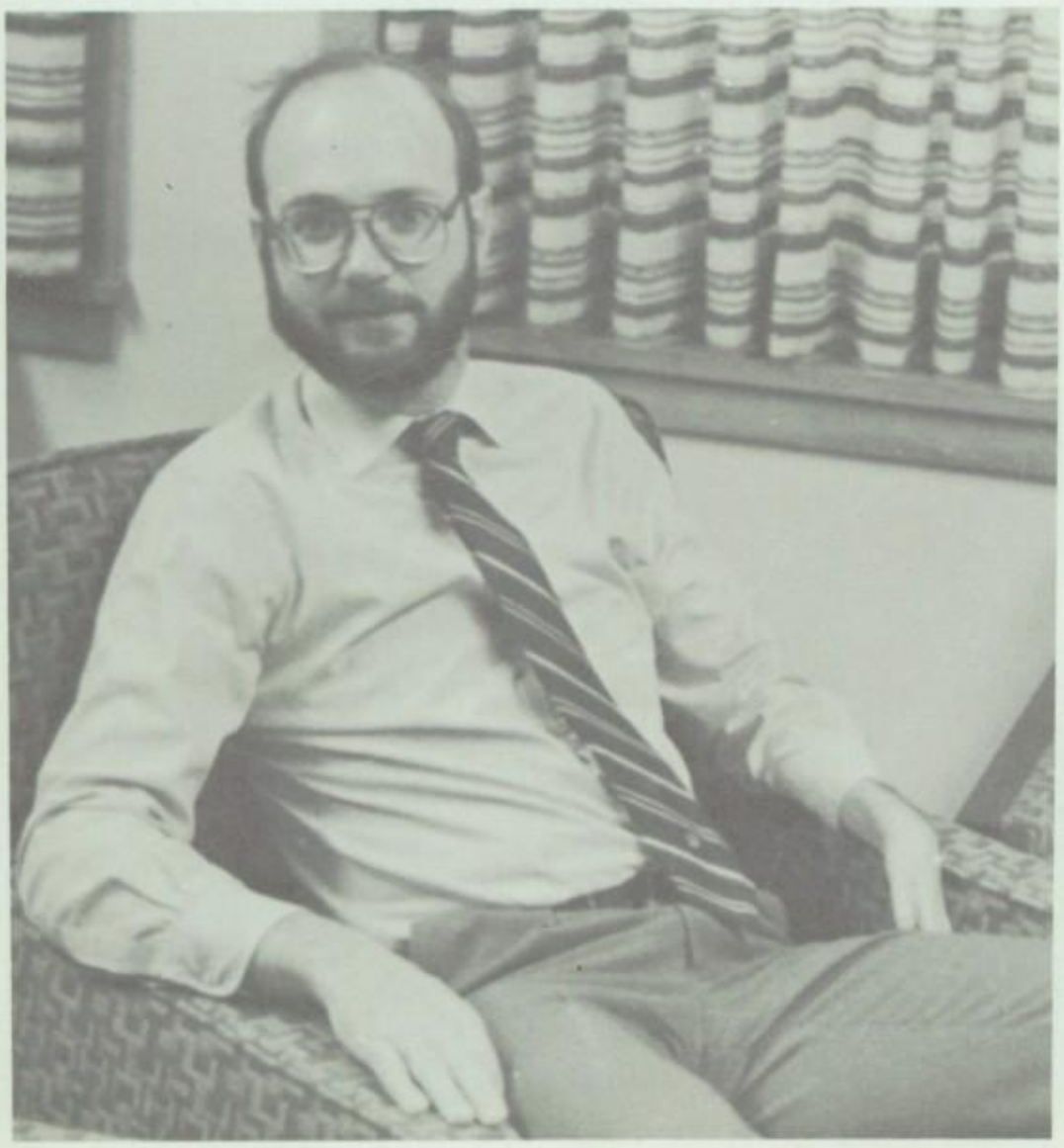


Left, Mr. Eric Saulny

Right, Mr. Ernie Chavez

Below left, Mr. Carl Marschall

Below right, Mr. Mel Vigil



Left T-B: Fr. Wadeson, Mrs. Behrens, Mr. R. Mendoza, Below: Mrs. Melancon, Mr. Williams.

Mr. Daniel Gutekanst

Mrs. Bessie Fields

Mrs. Scottie Morrow

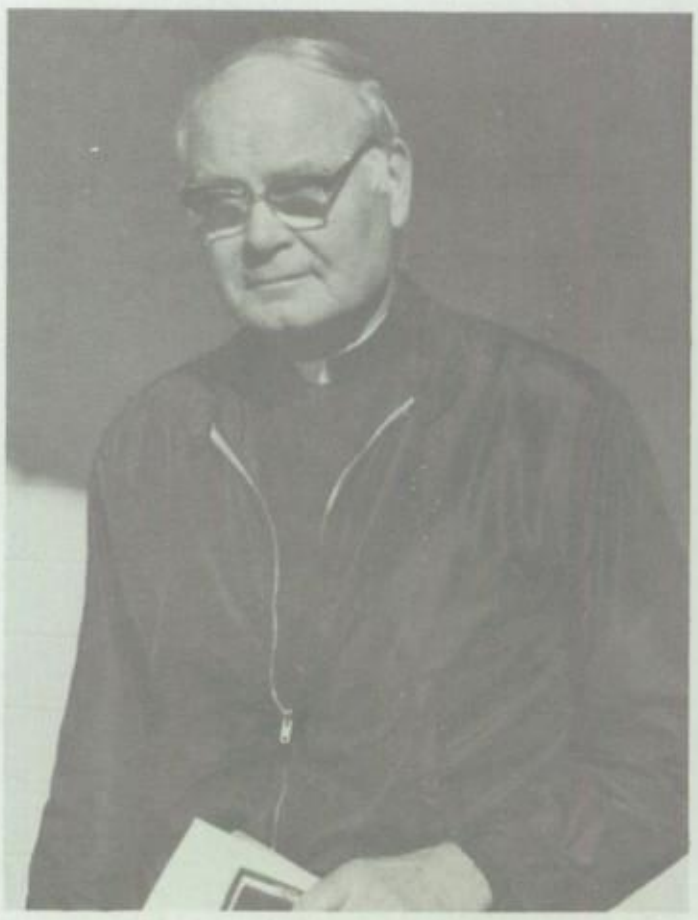
Mr. Jeff Bishop

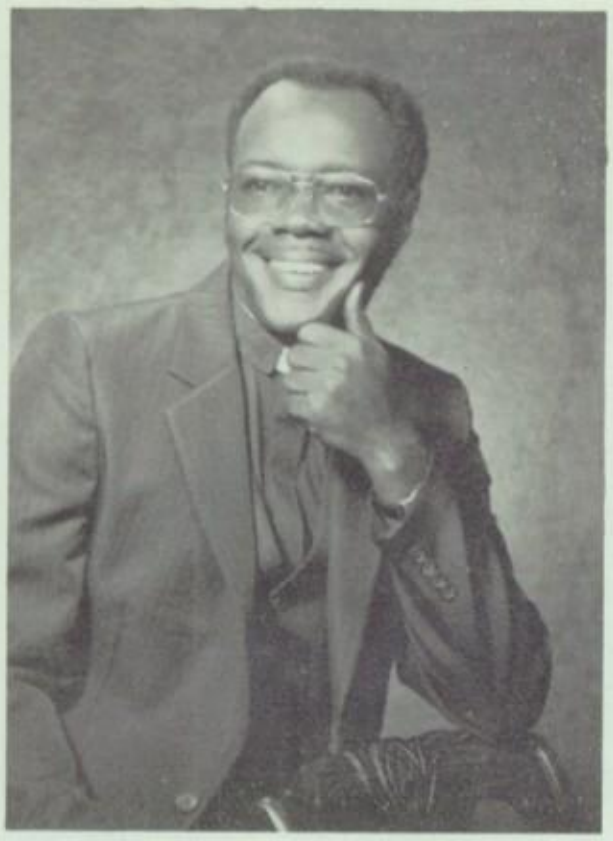
Mrs. Mary Healey

Bro. Bernard

Mr. L. Mendoza

Fr. Alexander Hoefler

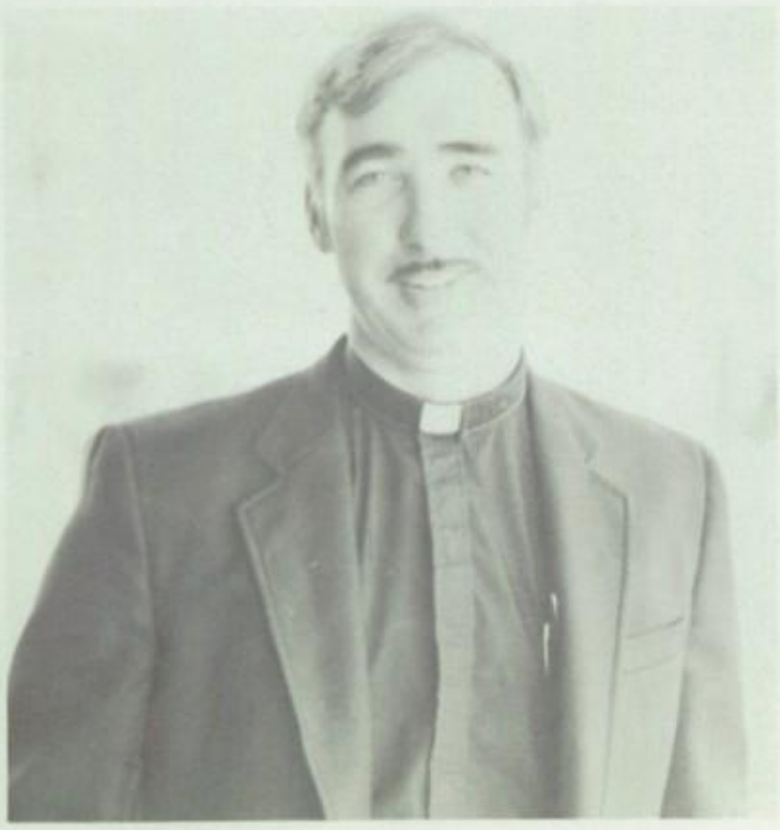




Fr. Thomas James, S.V.D.

Miss P. Eickman

(left) Fr. Frank Shigo, S.V.D.
(right) Mr. P. Morado



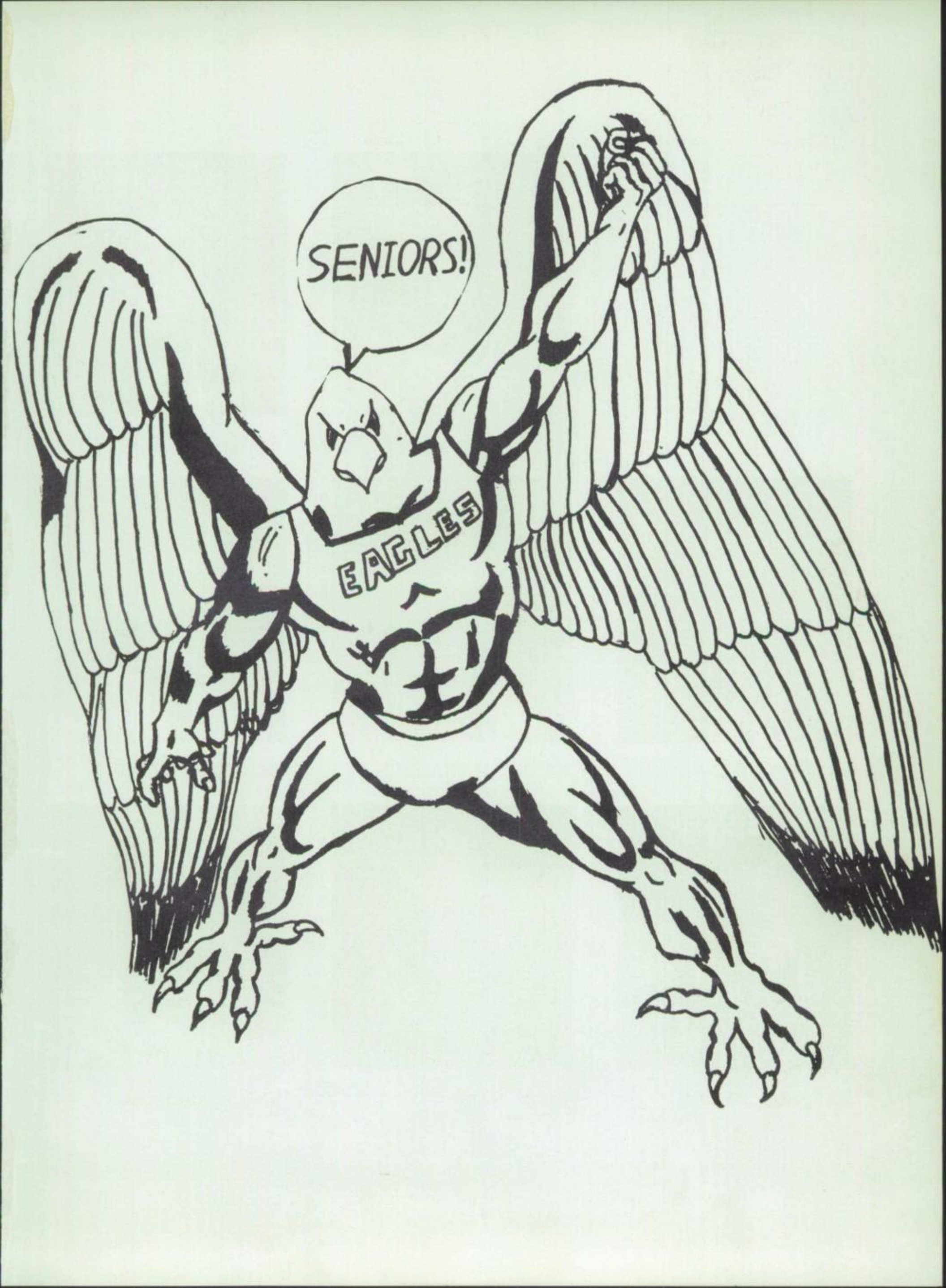
(left) Fr. Mike Hutchins, S.V.D.
(right) Mr. K. Smith

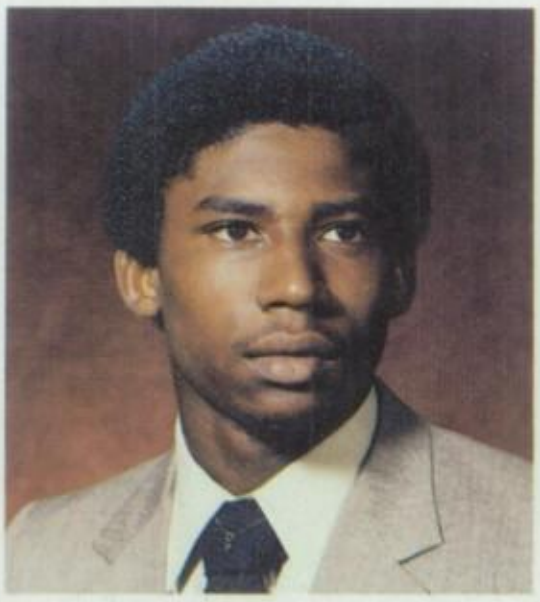
Mr. E. Mendoza

Mrs. Betty Harris and Mrs. Hooks

(left) Sr. Philomene Breeman
(right) Mrs. O. Webster

(left) Miss B. Raisola
(right) Mr. W. Gladney


SENIORS!
EAGLES

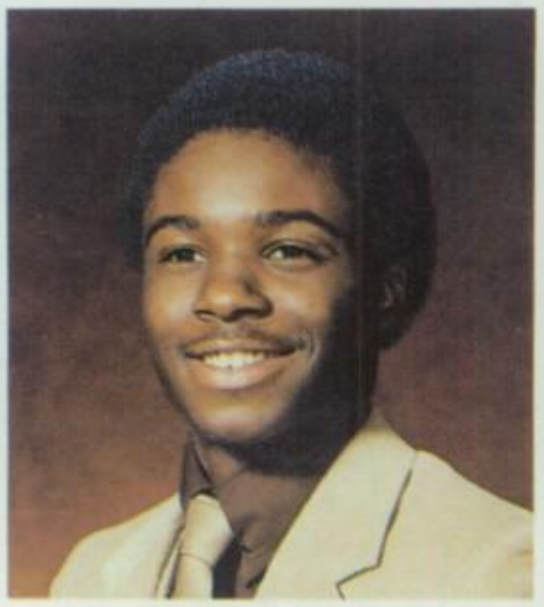


ALLEN, EDWARD

ANDERSON, RICKY

ARMSTRONG, DWAYNE

BANKS, ALEXANDER

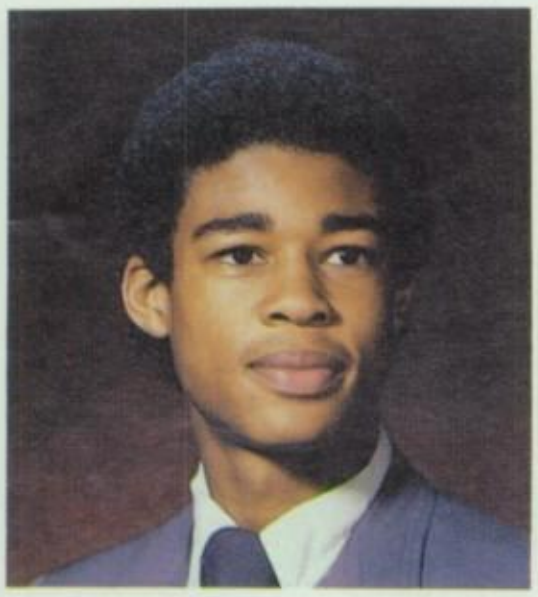


BARNES, WILLIAM

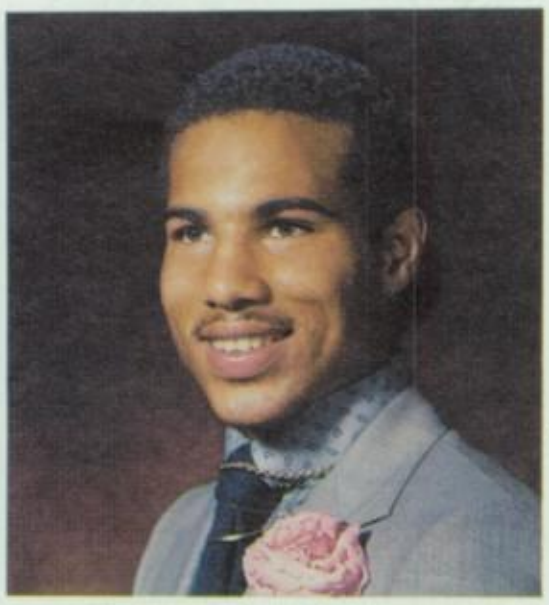
BAYONNE, LARRY

BIBBS, CARL

BLACK, MICHAEL

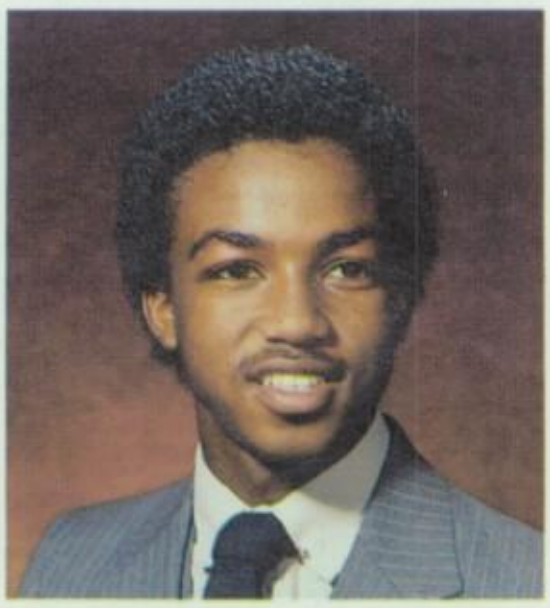


BOWDEN, CLARENCE

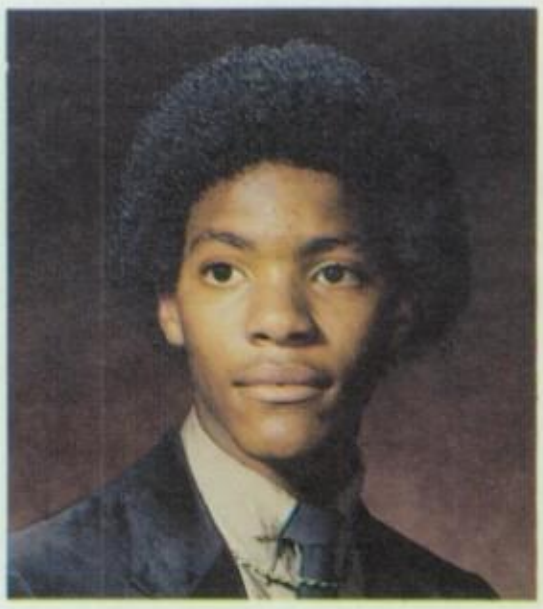


BROWN, DONALD

BROWN, RICHARD

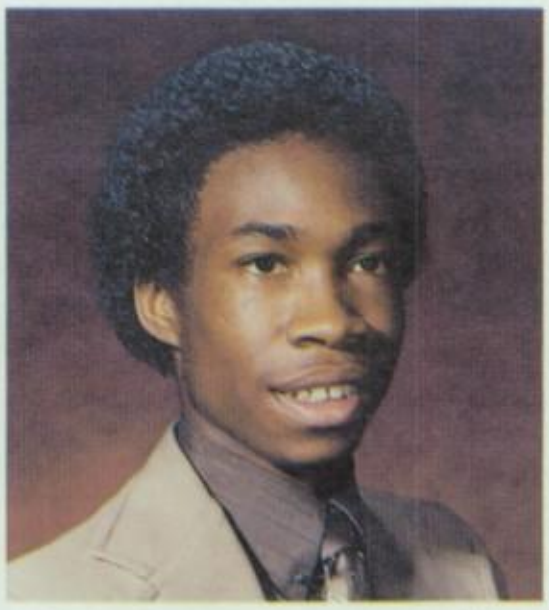


CLARKE, RONALD

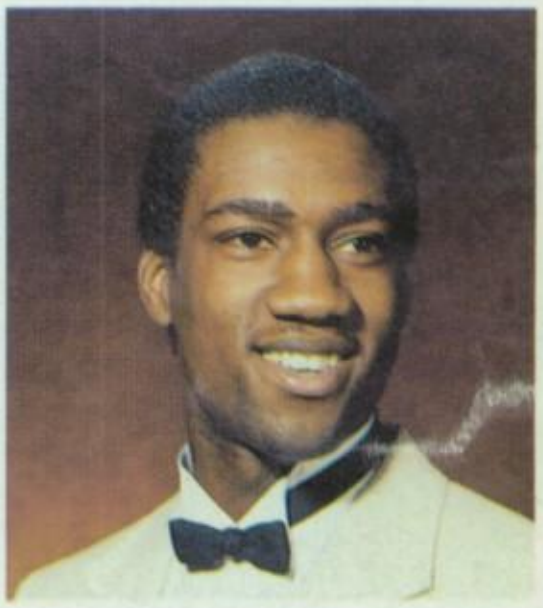


CLUTCHETT, JAMAL

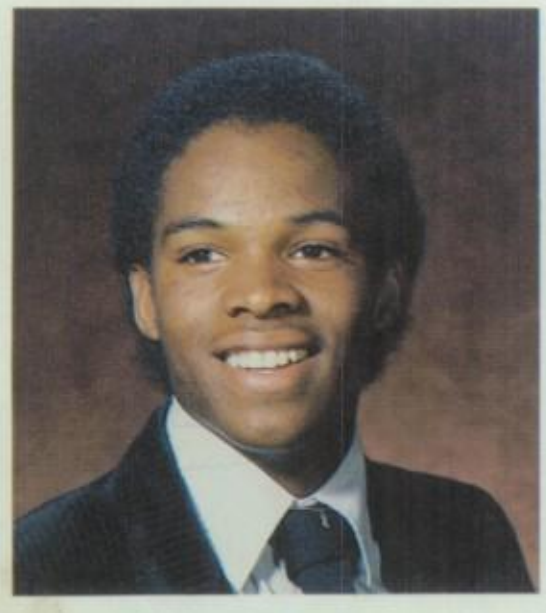
COLLINS, CRAIG



DOUGLAS, LEE



FARLEY, PHILLIP



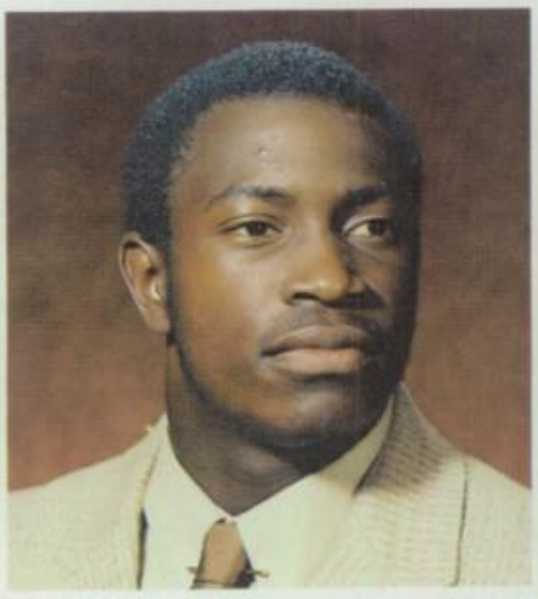
FORD, JAMAL

FRANK, DARREN

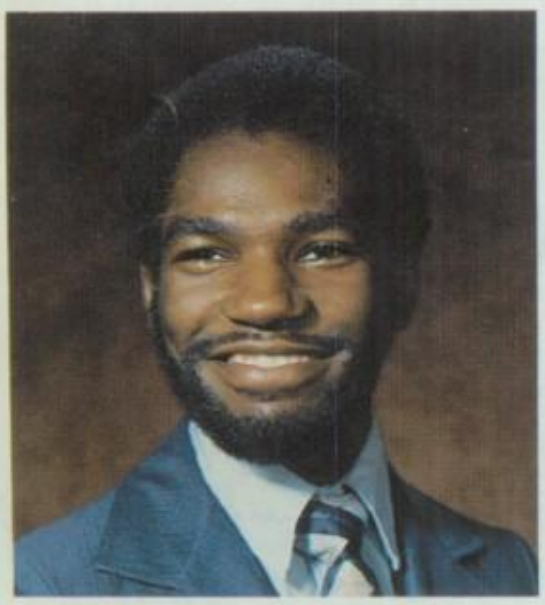
GREEN, RONALD

GWYNN, RICHARD

HARRIS, ERIC

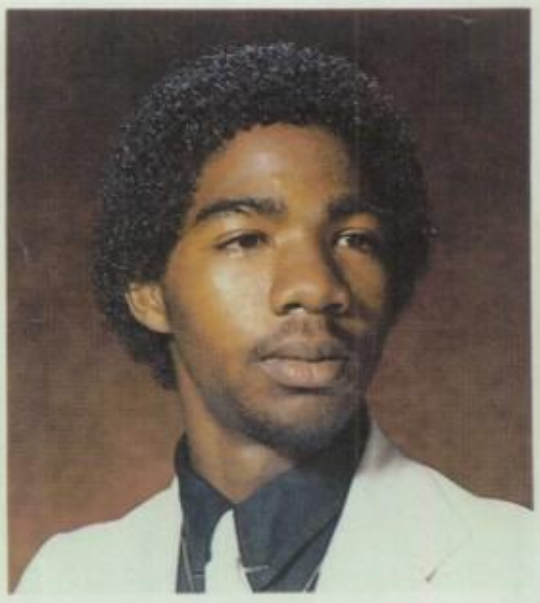


HARVEY, LYMONT



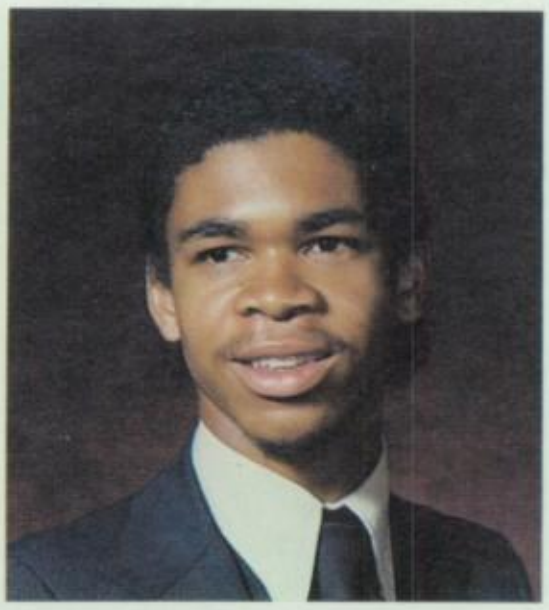
HAYWOOD, HERBERT

HENDERSON, DEREK



HOLLAND, BOYCE

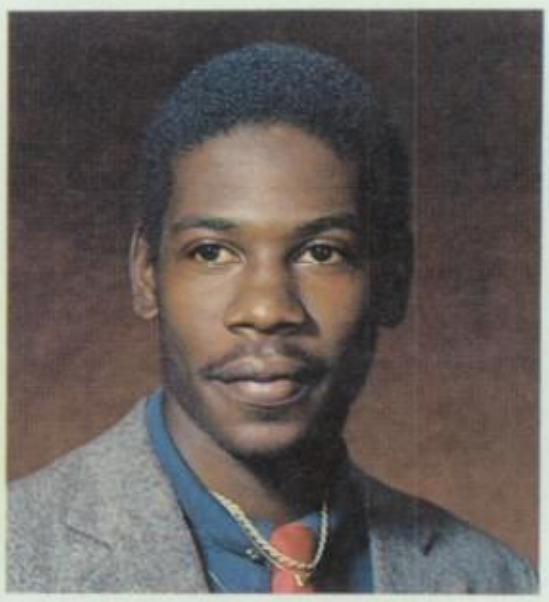
HOOKS, PHILLIP



JAMES, MARK

JEFFERSON, JAMES

JELKS, KEVIN

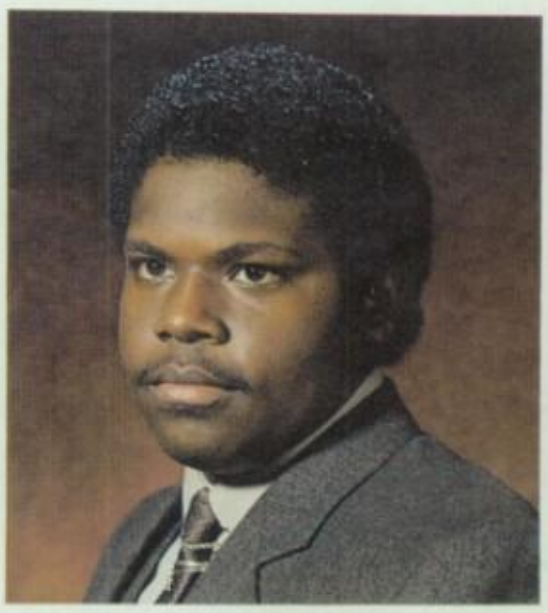


KNIGHT, PATRICK

LACOUR, ERNEST

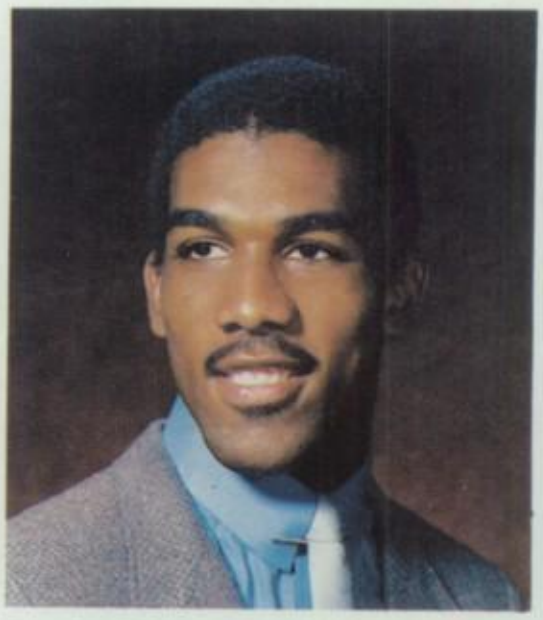
LAMBEV, FRANK

MCCLINTON, VICTOR

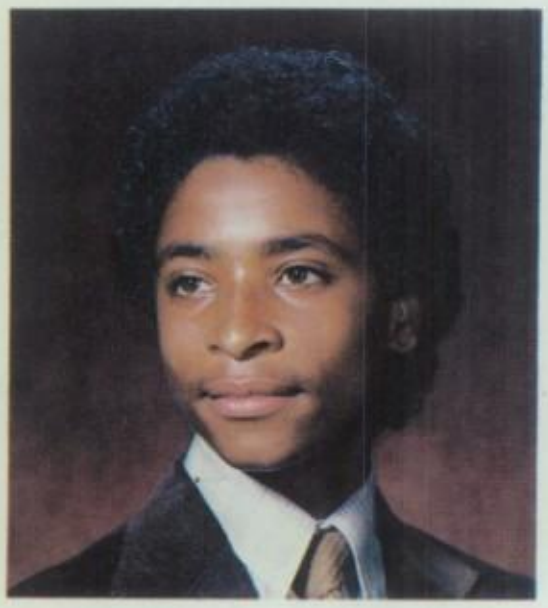


MCCORMICK, SEAN

McGOWAN, PAUL

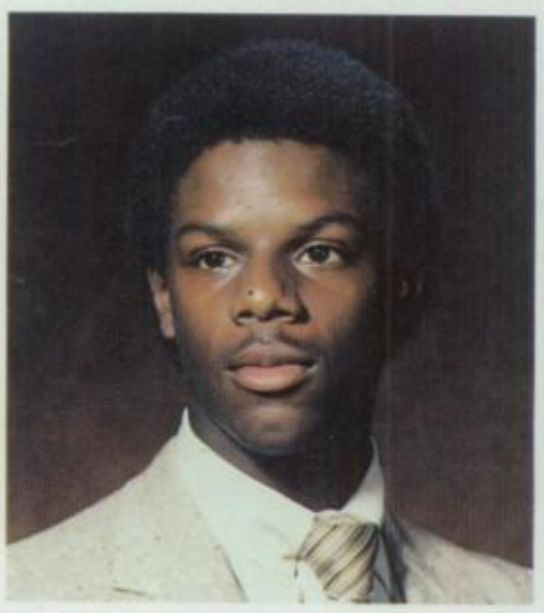


McINTYRE, BYRON

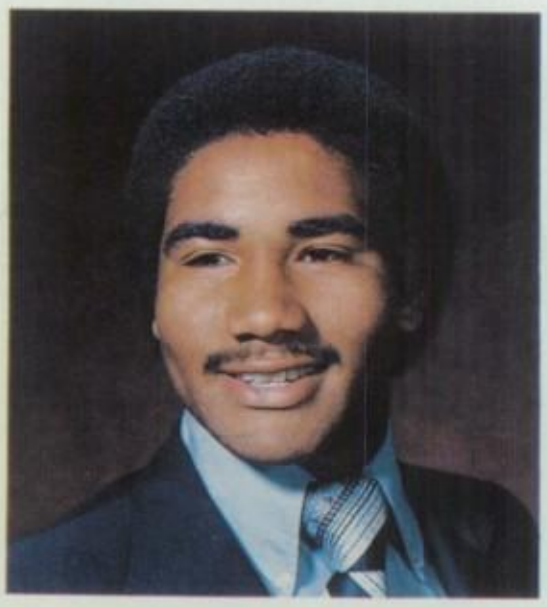


MONTEILH, KEITH

PASTOR, MARTIN



POPLION, CHRISTOPHER



POWELL, BRIAN

RICHARDSON, CARL

ROMAIN, PIERRE

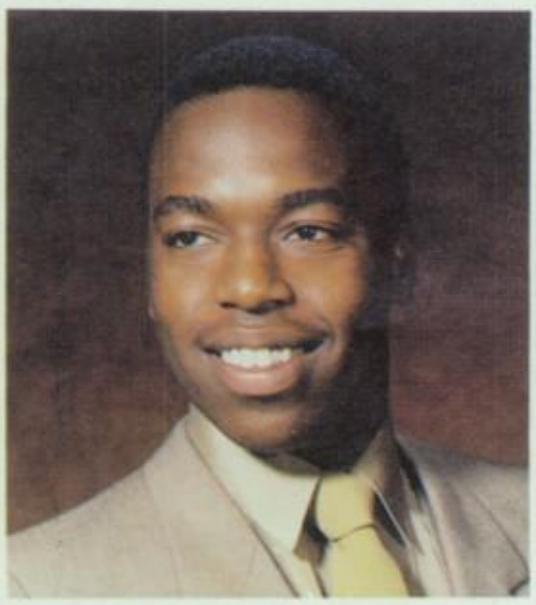
ROSE, JOHN

RUTLEDGE, WILLIAM

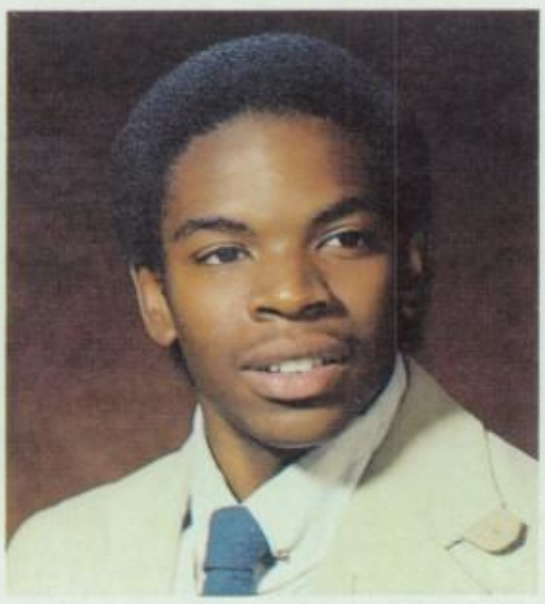
SLOAN, CLE

TAYLOR, MICHAEL

THOMAS, ALPHONSO

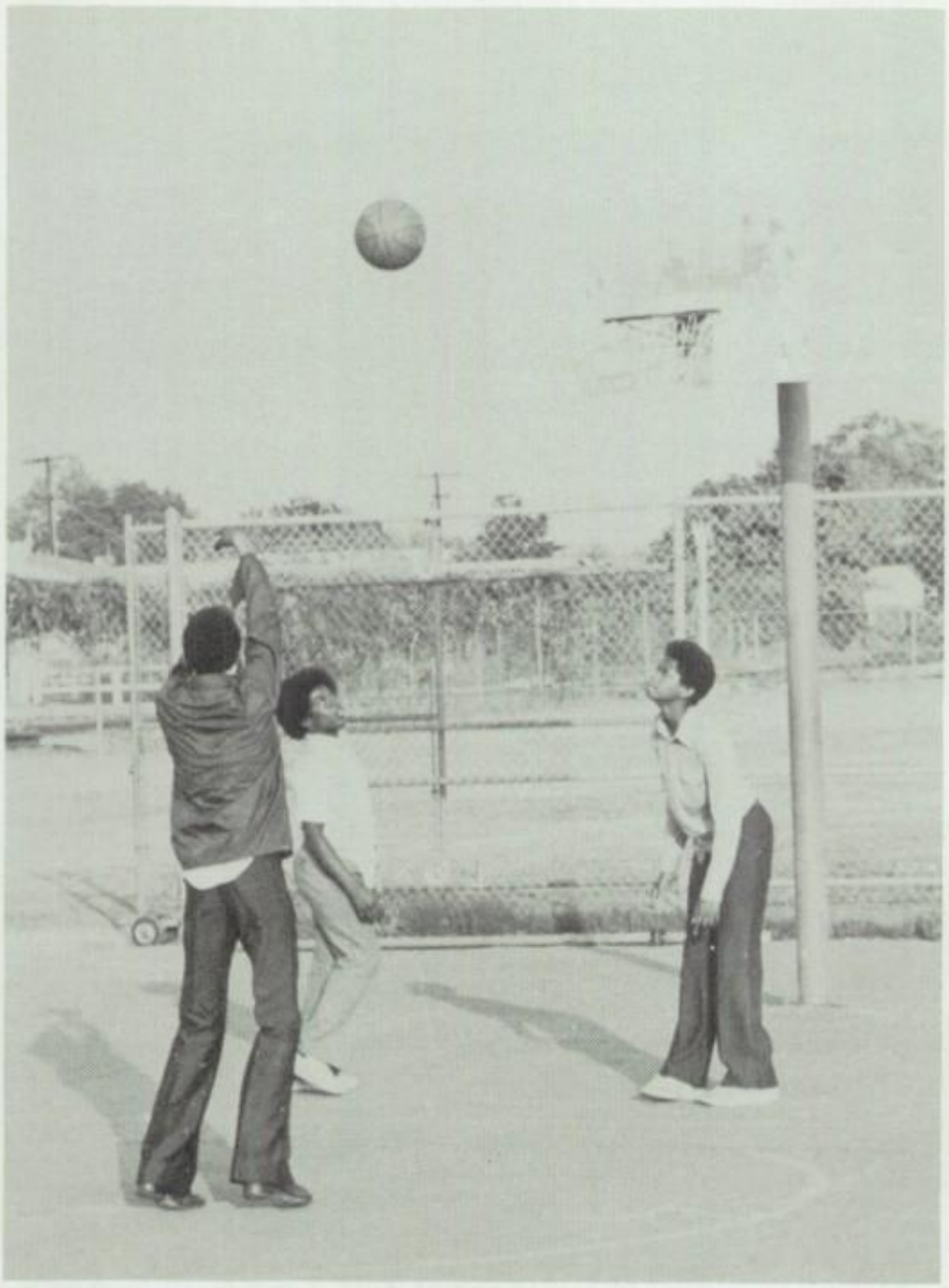


TOWNSEND, RICHARD



WILLIAMS, MICHAEL

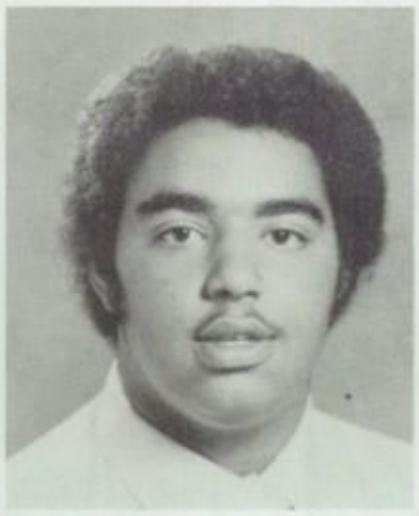
WILLIS, DENCE



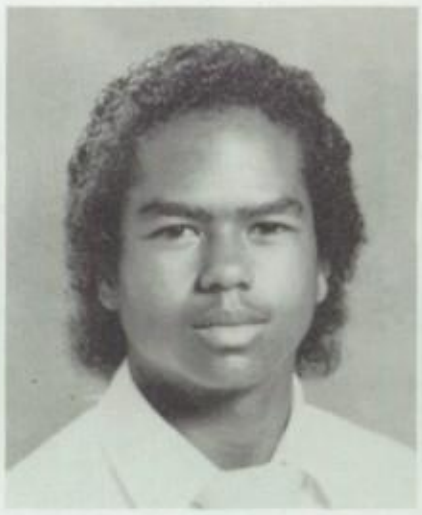
EAGLES #1
Verbum

JUNIORS!
VERB

ANDERSON, SHANNON



BAKEWELL, DANNY



BARNES, MAXMILLION

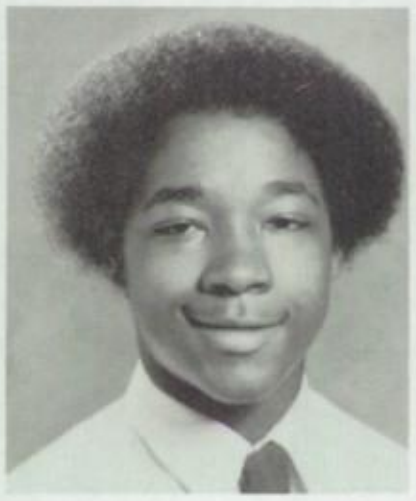
BEARD, KENNETH

BIFFLE, LAMAR

BLACK, DENNIS

BROWN, ANDRE

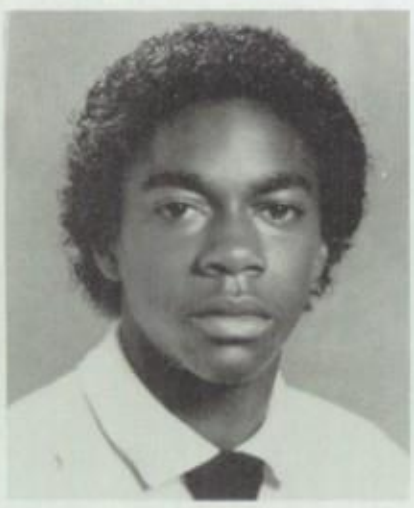
BROWN, CHRIS



BUTLER, JOSEPH

CARTER, JAMES

CHRISTOPHER, LONNIE



CHRISTOPHER, RICHARD

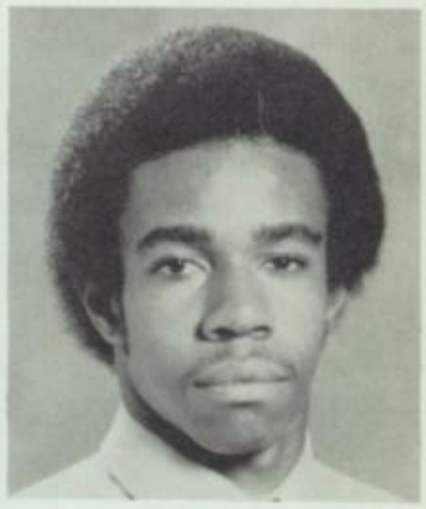
COWART, LANCE

DANDRIDGE, ROY

DAVIS, CURTIS

DAVIS, PONDRE

DORSEY, DERRICK

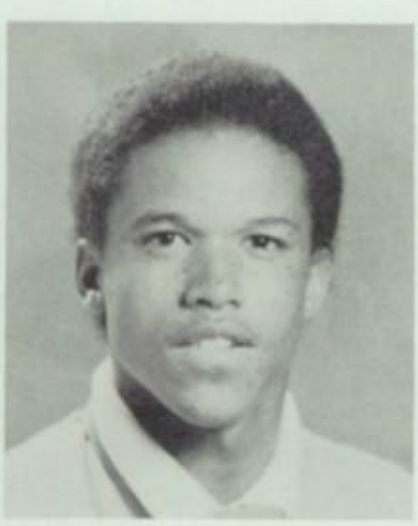


EDISON, HAROLD

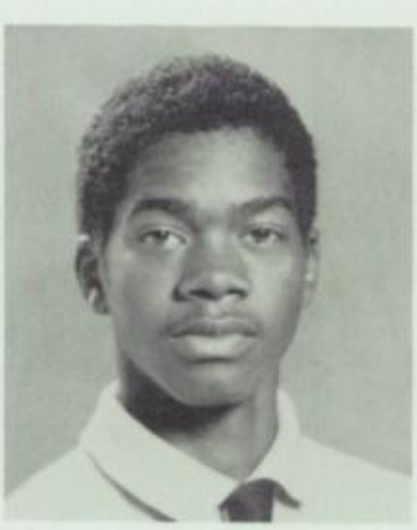
ELLIS, SHAWN

FINNEY, DAMONDE

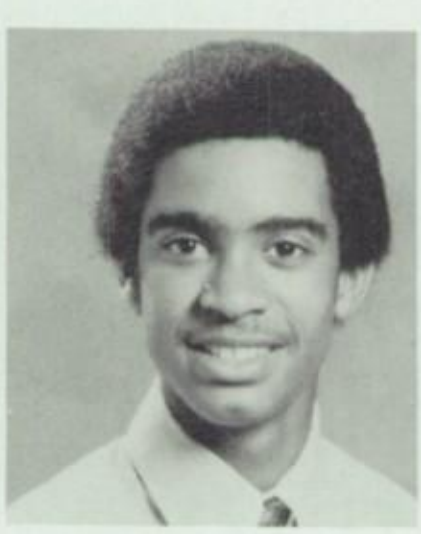
FORD, GLENN



FORD, KEVIN



FRANKLIN, KENNETH



TERRENCE, GLOVER

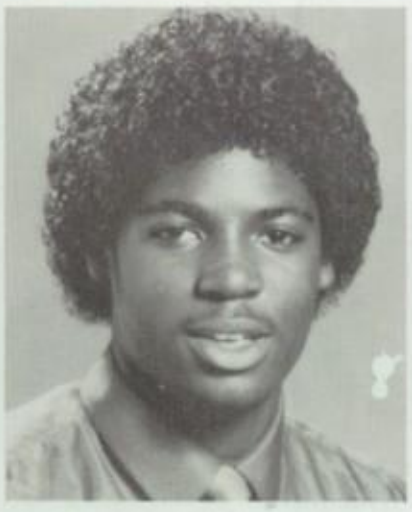
GOINS, JOHN

GUIDRY, DEMMETTE

HAMILTON, ALEXANDER

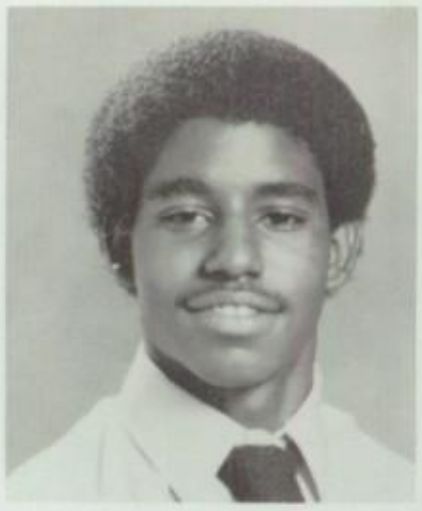
HARTLEY, DWAYNE

HARVEY, MARVIN



HAYNES, CALVIN

HAYWOOD, MICHAEL



HILL, PHILLIP

HILLIARD, MICHAEL

HILT, BRYAN

HOUSTON, JAMIE

IVERSON, BRENTON

JACKSON, JAMES

JONES, BRUCE

JONES, VERNON

KNOX, KORDELL

LAWLER, DWAYNE

LISTER, RODNEY

McCASKILL, MICHAEL

McMIHELK, RONALD

McMILLAN, TERENCE

MARSH, CHARLES

MARSHALL, TROY

MARTIN, RONNIE

MILLER, RODNEY

MONTEILH, KEVIN

MOORE, THOMAS

NEAL, HARRY

NICKERSON, HARDY

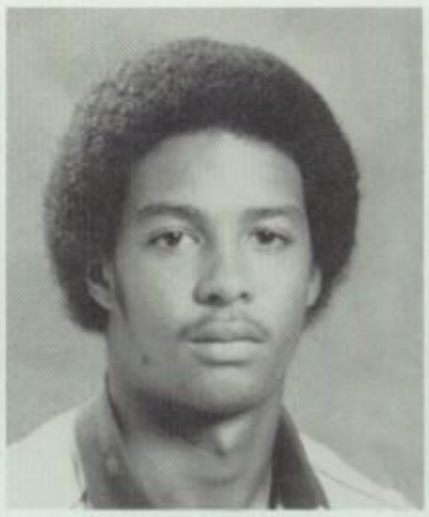
NORMAN, TROY

OSBORN, MICHAEL

PATTERSON, DAVID

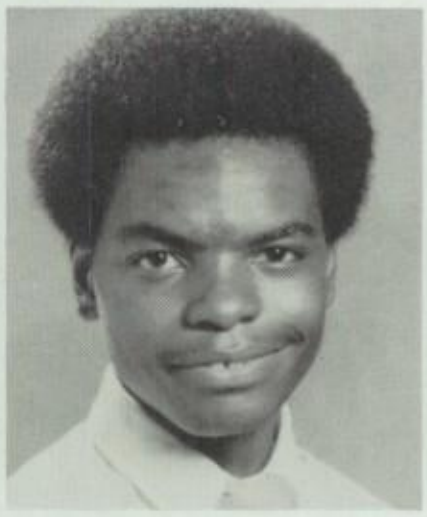
REYES, LOUIS

ROLAND, STEVEN



ROMAIN, ANDRE

RUSHING, MARK



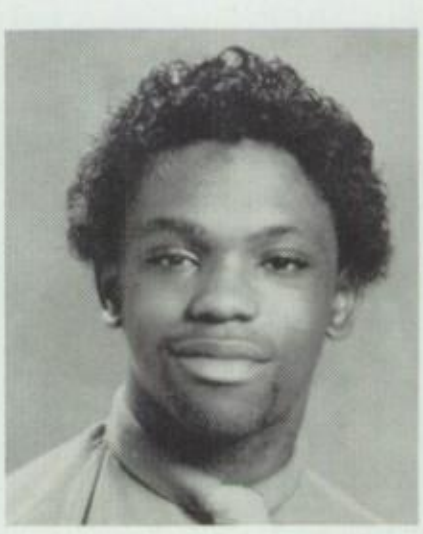
SCOTT, EFREM

SHAW, RYAN

SPARKS, MELVIN

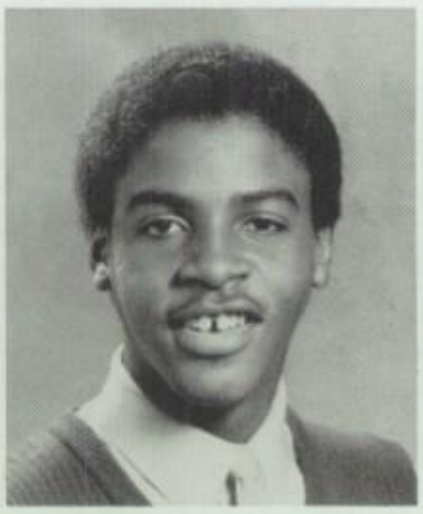
SMITH, MAURICE

STALLWORTH, DARRYL



STEPHENS, CRAIG

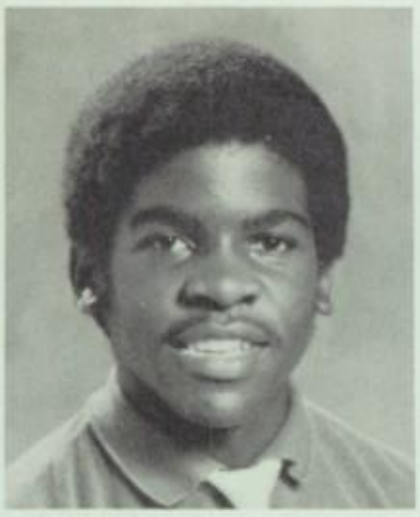
STEPHENS, LEON



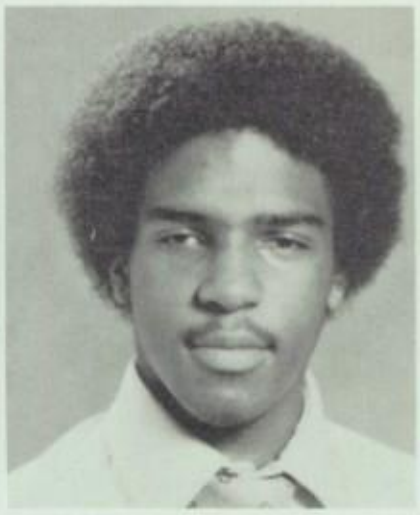
STERLING, JOHN

STEWART, KIP

TATE, ERIC



TAYLOR, VICTOR



THOMAS, DARRYL

TOLER, LUETRELL

WARDLOW, HEZEIKIAH

WARE, ELVIN

WILLIAMS, PAUL

YOUNG, JOSEPH

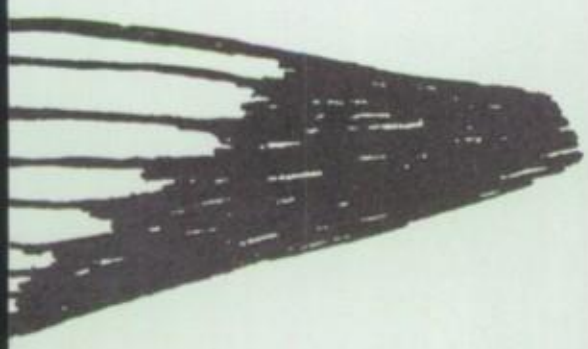
SOPHOMORES!

ALLEN, DONOVAN

ARMSTRONG, DARRYL

BAILEY, DERICK

BELLFIELD, BENNIE



BERNARDEZ, JEFFERY

BIBBS, GREGORY

BLANKENSHIP, DANNY

BOBBITT, BYRON

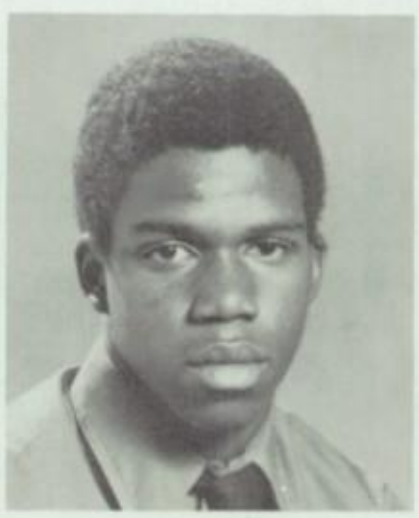
BROOKS, SHAWN

BROWN, ERIC

BRYANT, DAVID

BRYANT, KERRY

BUCHANAN, DELMAR



BURKHALTER, PHALANCE

CALVERT, SAMUEL

CASTILLO,NATHANIEL

CHASTANG, DAVID

COLE, HOWARD

CONDIFF, NORMAN

COX, ANTHONY

CRAWFORD, CARL

CURTIS, ANTHONY

DANIEL, ROBERT

DEANS, GARY

DOYLE, JOHNNY

EDISON, ROCHON

ELIE, ROLAND

FLINT, RAYMOND

FRANK, BRUCE

GAINES, RICHARD

GEETER, ANTHONY

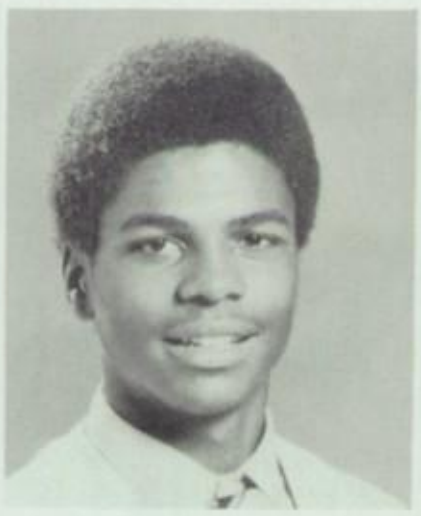
GEORGE, RODNEY

GREENWOOD, TRACEY

HACKNEY, BERNARD

HAWKINS, DAVID

HAYNES, BRYAN

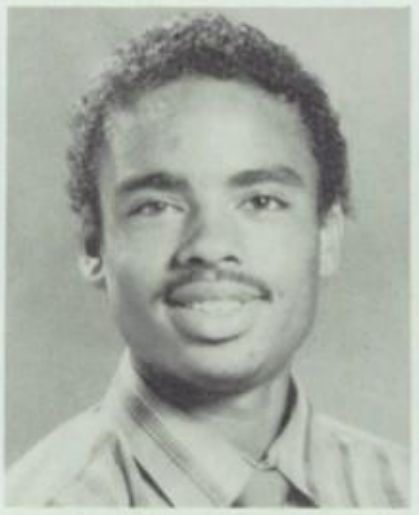


HENDERSON, DALE

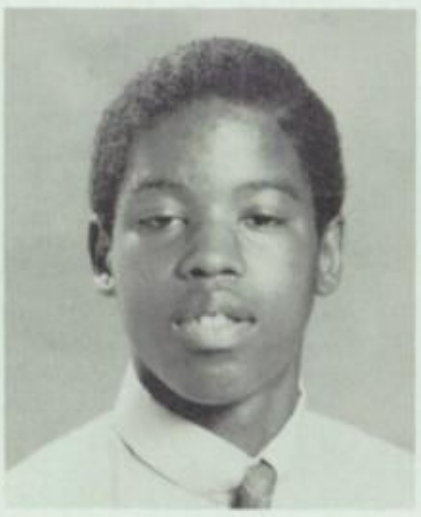
HENRY, CLARENCE

HILL, WALTER

HOCKER, KURT



HOLMES, KEVIN



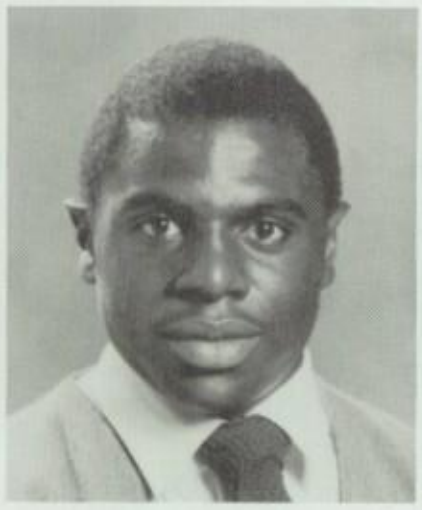
JACKSON, DWAYNE

JARMON, KEVIN

JEFFERSON, CHRIS

JELKS, KERRY

JENKINS, RANDY



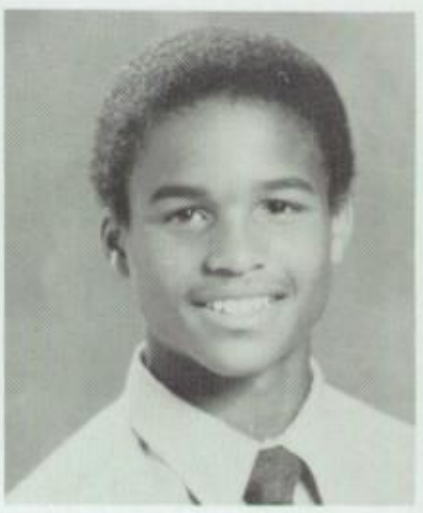
JOHNSON, JOHN

JONES, JOSEPH

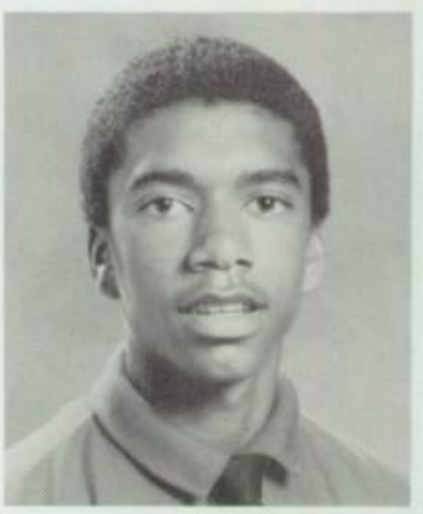
JONES, WILLIAM

KEETON, BILLY

KIDD, FELCIE



LEWIS, JOHN



LEWIS, RAMON

LOWE, ANTHONY

McKAY, JOSEPH

McPHERSON, MAURICE

MARSHALL,GREGORY

MIGUEL, GIBERT

MITCHELL, ERIC

MITCHELL, LEO

MORRIS, BERNARD

MOSLEY, DERRICK

MURRAY, ANDRE

NAPIER, KENNETH

NIXON, STACEY

OWENS, RAFER

PARKS, BEN

PARRISH, THOMAS

PENICK, CLIFFORD

PETERS, FERMAN

PICKENS, MARTY

PIERCE, NICOLE

RANKINS, DARREN

ROBINSON, DARRYL

RODDY, ARTHUR

ROGERS, RODNEY

ROMAIN, REGINALD

ROSS, MICHAEL

ROSS, RONALD

RUSSELL, FREDERICK

SIMPSON, TRACY

SINGLETON, CARY

SMITH, BOB

SMITH, JEFFERY

SMITH, KENNETH

SMITH, NATHAN

SMITH, RICHARD

SMITH, SULLIVAN

SPARKS, CHRISTOPHER

STEWART, TODD

TARLTON, LEN

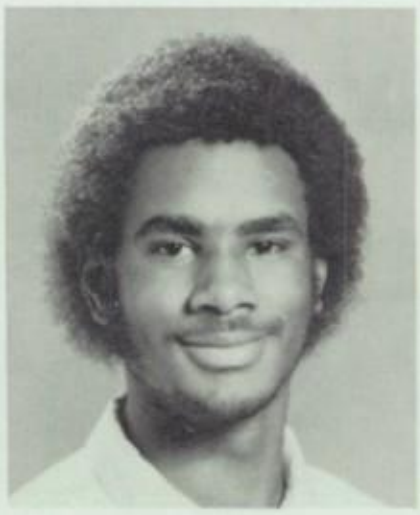
TAYLOR, JEFFERY

THOMAS,CHRISTOPHER

WALKER, ELLIOTT

WEBSTER, MANSON

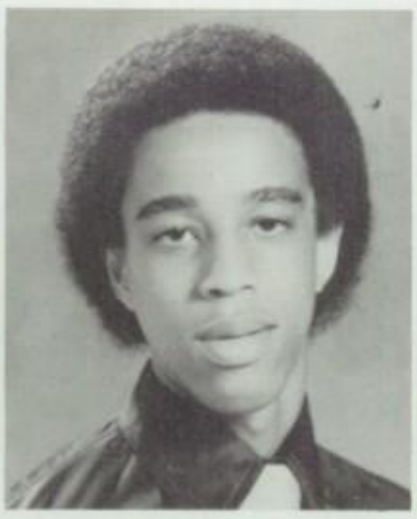
WHITE, MINGO



WHITFIELD, RODRICK

WILLIAMS, DAVID

WILLIAMS, DERRELL

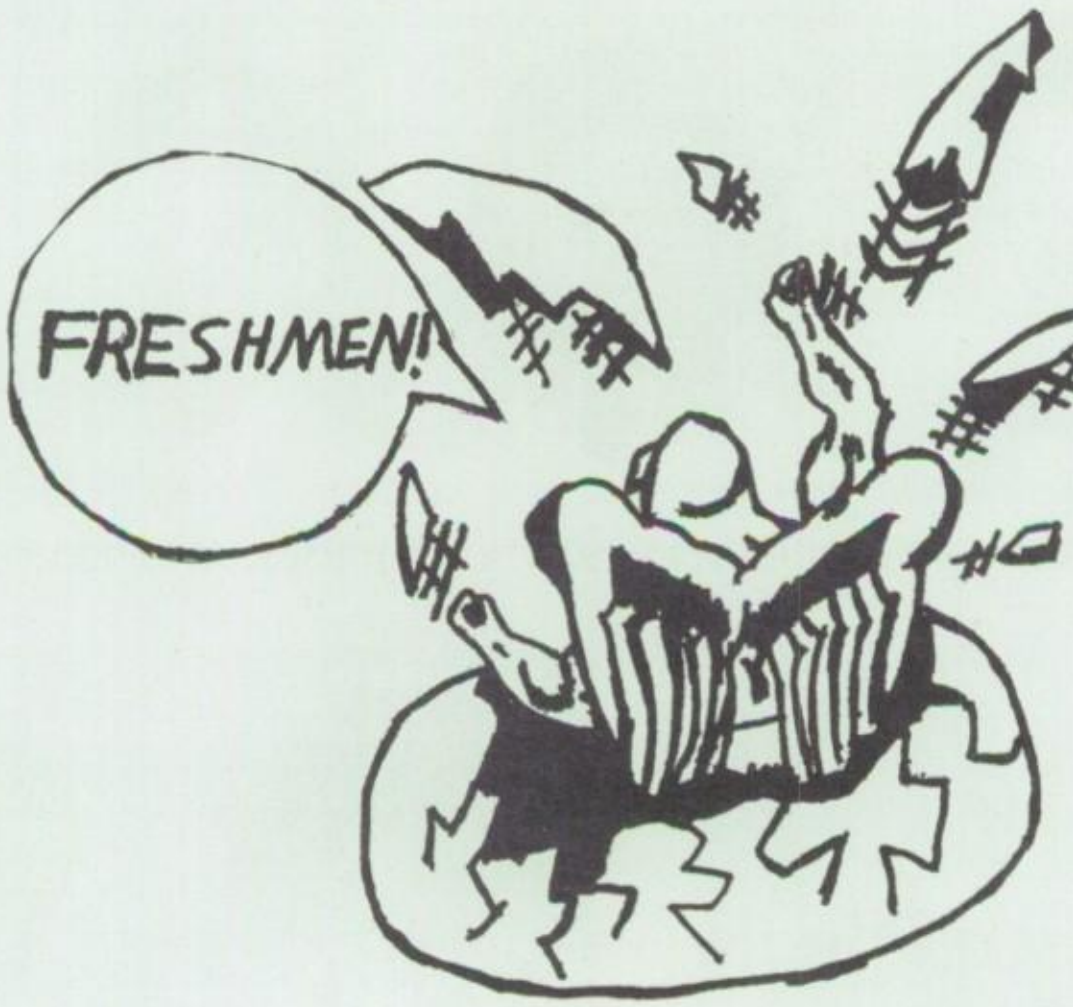


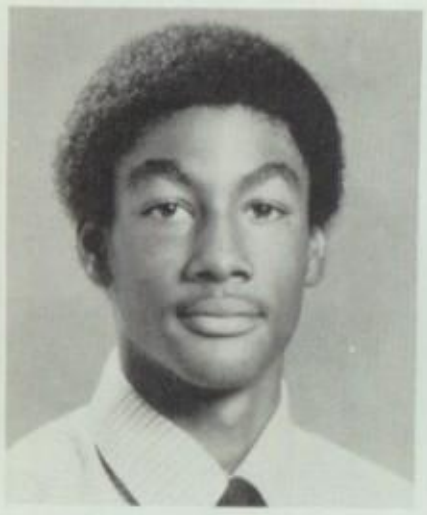
WILLIAMS, GILBERT

WILLIAMS, TORIN

WRIGHT, ERIC

WRIGHT, REGINALD


FRESHMEN!



AGE, LEVON

ATCHINSON, LANON

AUSTIN, DAVID

BAILEY, DENNIS

BLANKENSHIP, KENNETH

BROASTER, RYAN

BROUSSARD, LERON

CASTILLO, HEUSTON

DAVIS, DERRICK

DAVIS, EMILL

DAVIS, KEVIN

DAVIS, PHILLIP

DAVIS, TYRONE

DUCKSWORTH, LARON

EDWARDS, JEFFERY

EVANS, ERIC

FLEMING, ANTHONY

FLINT, PATRICK

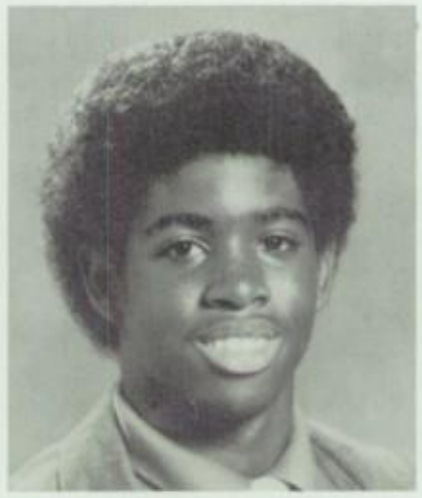
FORBY, LORENZO

FREEMAN, BLAINE

GARRETT, CHRIS

GIBBS, RALPH

GROVE, ANTHONY



HALL, MARVIN

HANZY, TODD

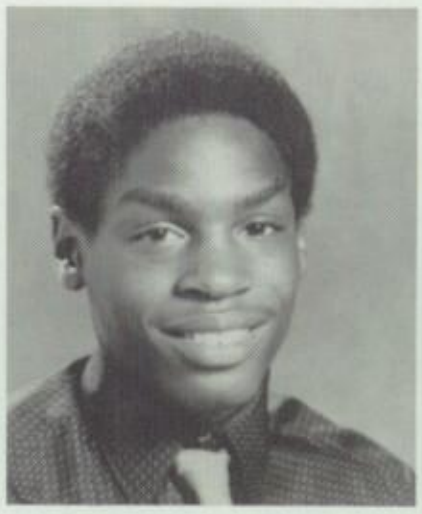
HARRIS, JEFFERY

HARRIS, ROBERT

HUGHES, GEOFFREY

JACKSON, TROY

JOHNSTON, ERIC



JONES, LARRY

LANDERS, LAMONT

McCULLOUGH, ERIC

McNEAL, ANDRE

MALLET, CHRIS

MILLS, TRACEY

MURRAY, SHAWN

NOLAN, DEMPSEY

OWENS, CORDELL

PRESTON, MICHAEL

PRESTON, ONALE

PRUITT, LEDON

RAYFORD, BENNIE

REDMOND, DAMON

REYES, CECIL

ROSS, ROBERT

ROSSER, RODNEY

SARGENT, CHARRO

SCOGGINS, BRIAN

SMITH, MARTIN

SMITH, TOMMIE

STEWART, KEVIN

TAYLOR, ANDREW

THOMAS, DAVID

THOMAS, REGINALD

WALKER, JUDGE

WALKER, KEITH

WALLER, MICHAEL

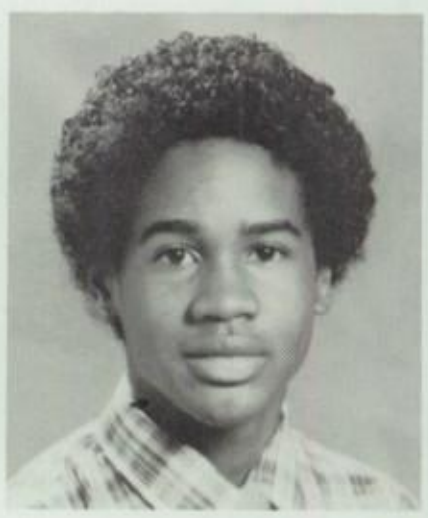
WATSON, CURTIS

WILKES, RAZE

WILLIAMS, DERRICK

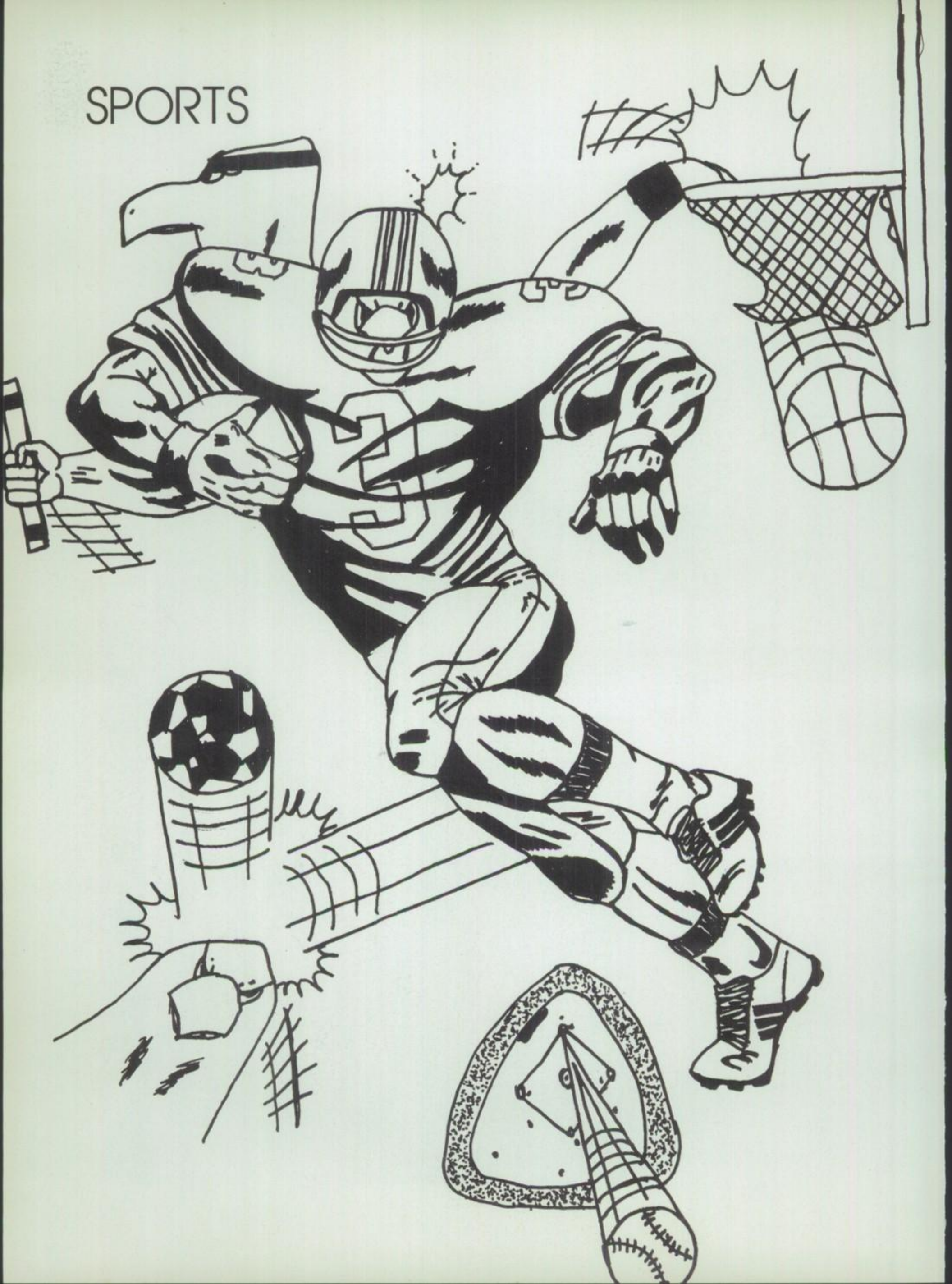
WILLIAMS, RICHARD

WILSON, CORNELIUS

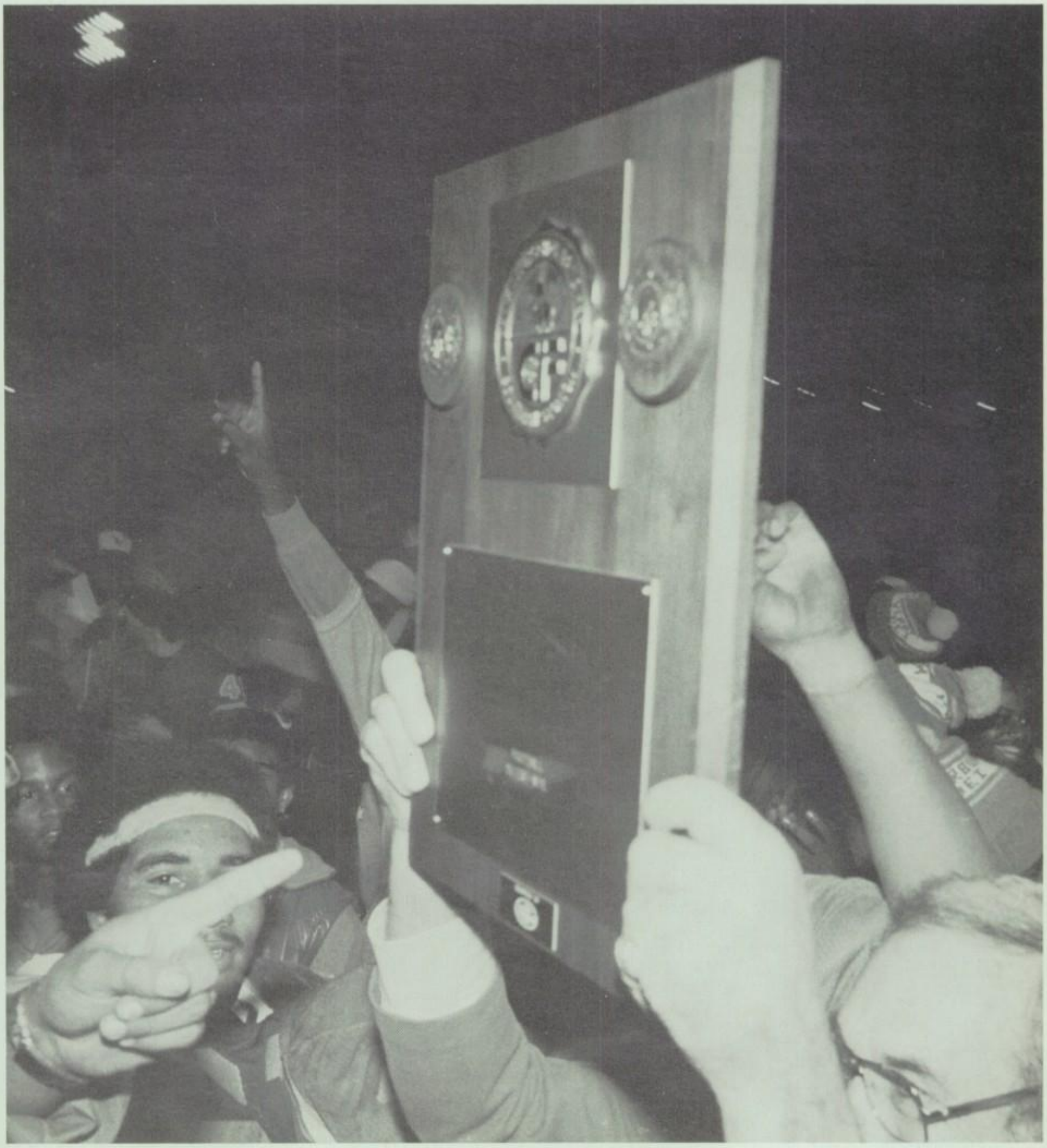


WILLIAMS, LARRY

SPORTS



EXCELLENCE!



1981 C.I.F. DESERT

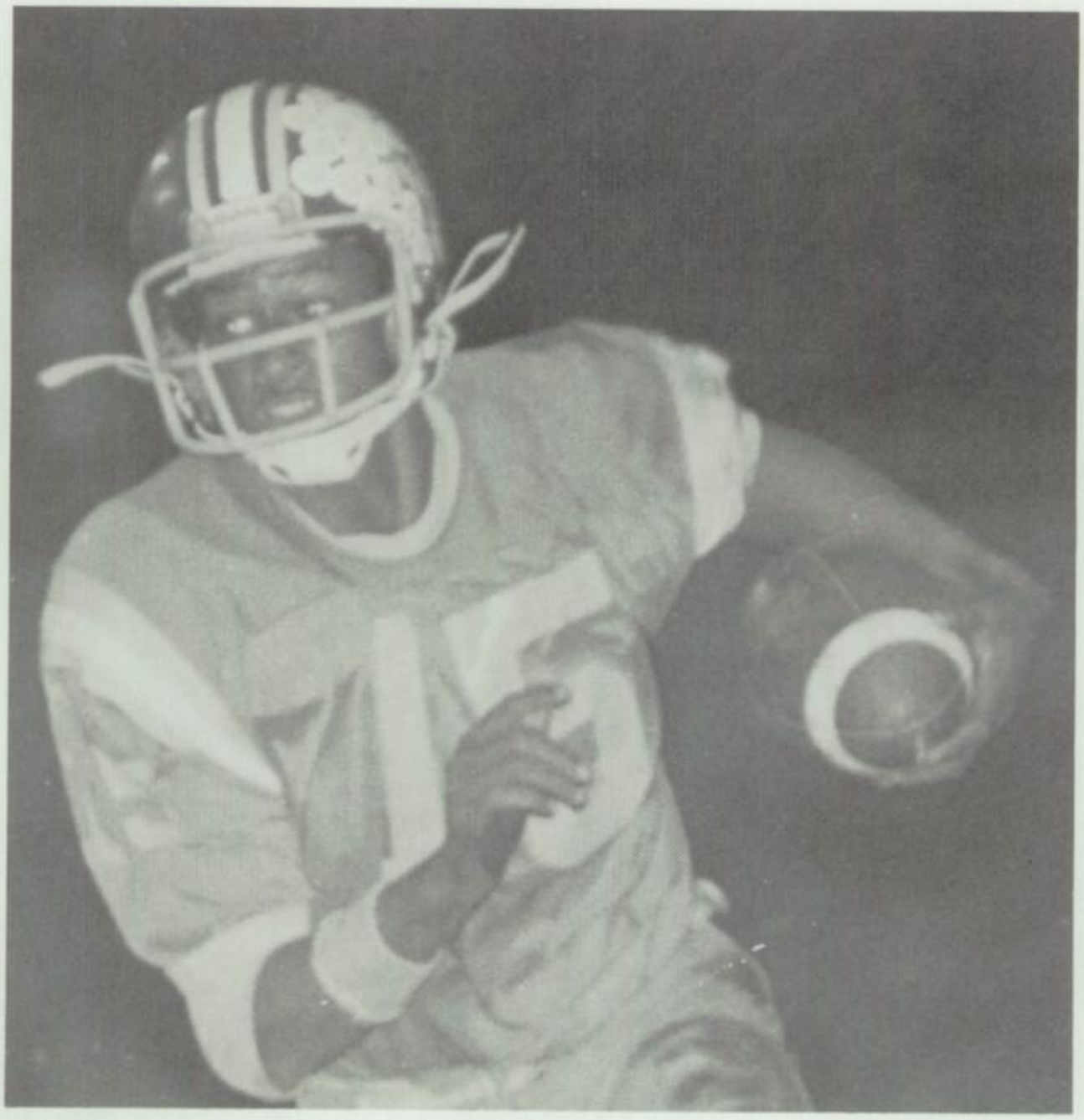
(Top, left to right) A. Hamilton, Head Coach Lalo Mendoza, Coach Lewis, Coach Morado, Coach Chavez, K. Hocker, Mrs. Harris, Coach Mendoza, L. Cowart, (Second Row) B. McIntyre, E. Allen, E. LaCour, P. Davis, C. Sloan, D. Bakewell, K. Bryant, J. Goins, W. Rutledge, H. Nickerson, H. Edison, M. Taylor, (Third Row) L.

MOUNTAIN CHAMPIONS

Bayonne, D. Stallworth, J. Rose, J. Johnson, C. Richardson, K. Beard, D. Lawler, M. Stewart, (Fourth Row) T. Marshall, L. Harvey, P. Romain, K. Stewart, R. Gwynn, M. Williams, A. Thomas, A. McGowan, (Fifth Row) L. Christopher, S. McCormick, L. Biffle, B. Iverson, C. Poplion, E. Ware, B. Powell.

Michael Taylor "prays" for a catch.

Richard Gwynn fights on!



Hamilton tries for a first and 10.

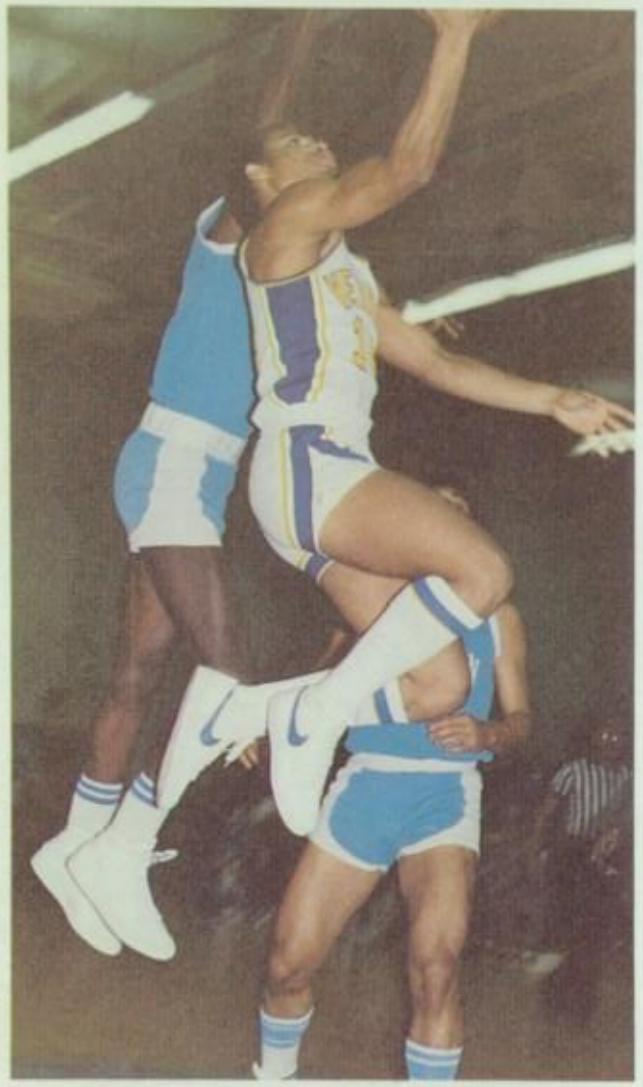
Elvin Ware waits.

Excellence. How did the Varsity Eagles achieve excellence this year? Many different ways, but perhaps it was the concept of unity which brought this team to Verbum Dei's first CIF championship. The concept of unity first appeared in the third game of the season against Dominguez. During that game and all our games we tried never to let us take our success for granted when we were walking all over our opponents. Unity helped us when we needed a first down, touchdown, or even a long, time consuming drive. We, the Verbum Dei Eagles, the proudest team in the school's history, owe our success and good fortune to our unity and our intense desire to be the best.

John Rose '82

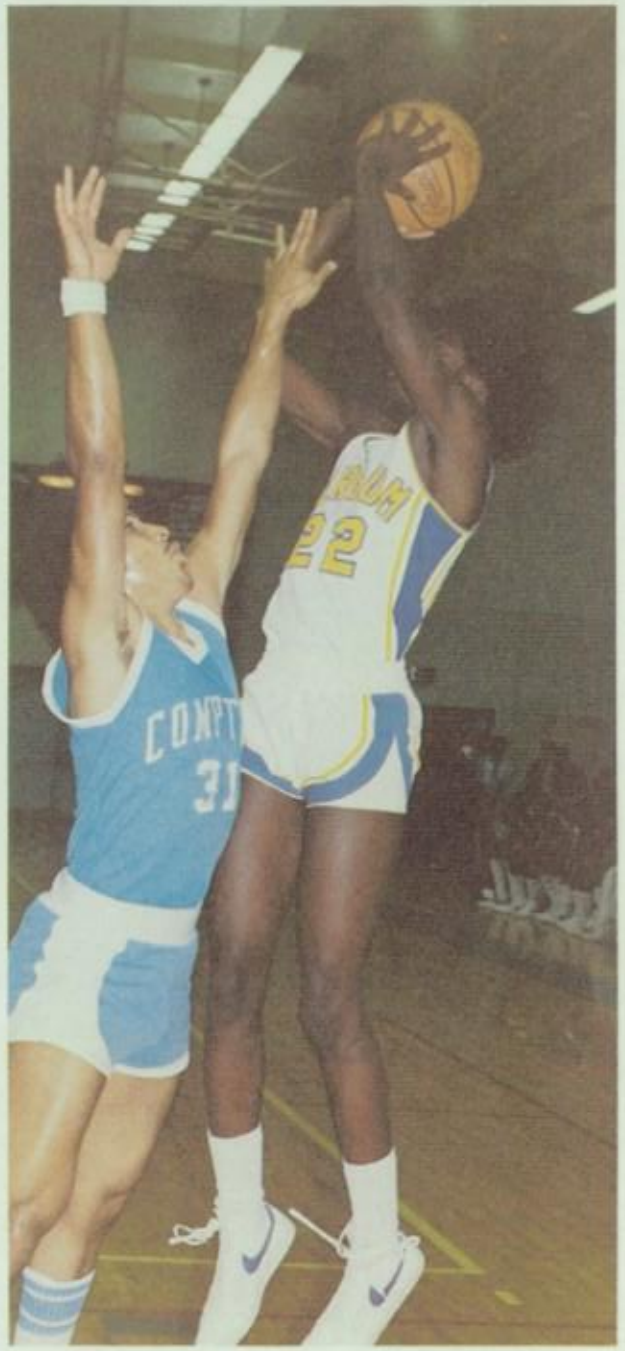
1981-82 VARSITY EAGLES

(Standing, Left to Right) Coach Bowles, P. Knight, H. Wardlow, C. Haynes, C. Brown, R. Shaw, R. Anderson, Coach Saulny (Kneeling) R. Brown, R. Townsend, D. Brown, D. Guidry, A. Hamilton, Coach Bishop



Donnie takes it up.

Donnie Brown surrounds his man.

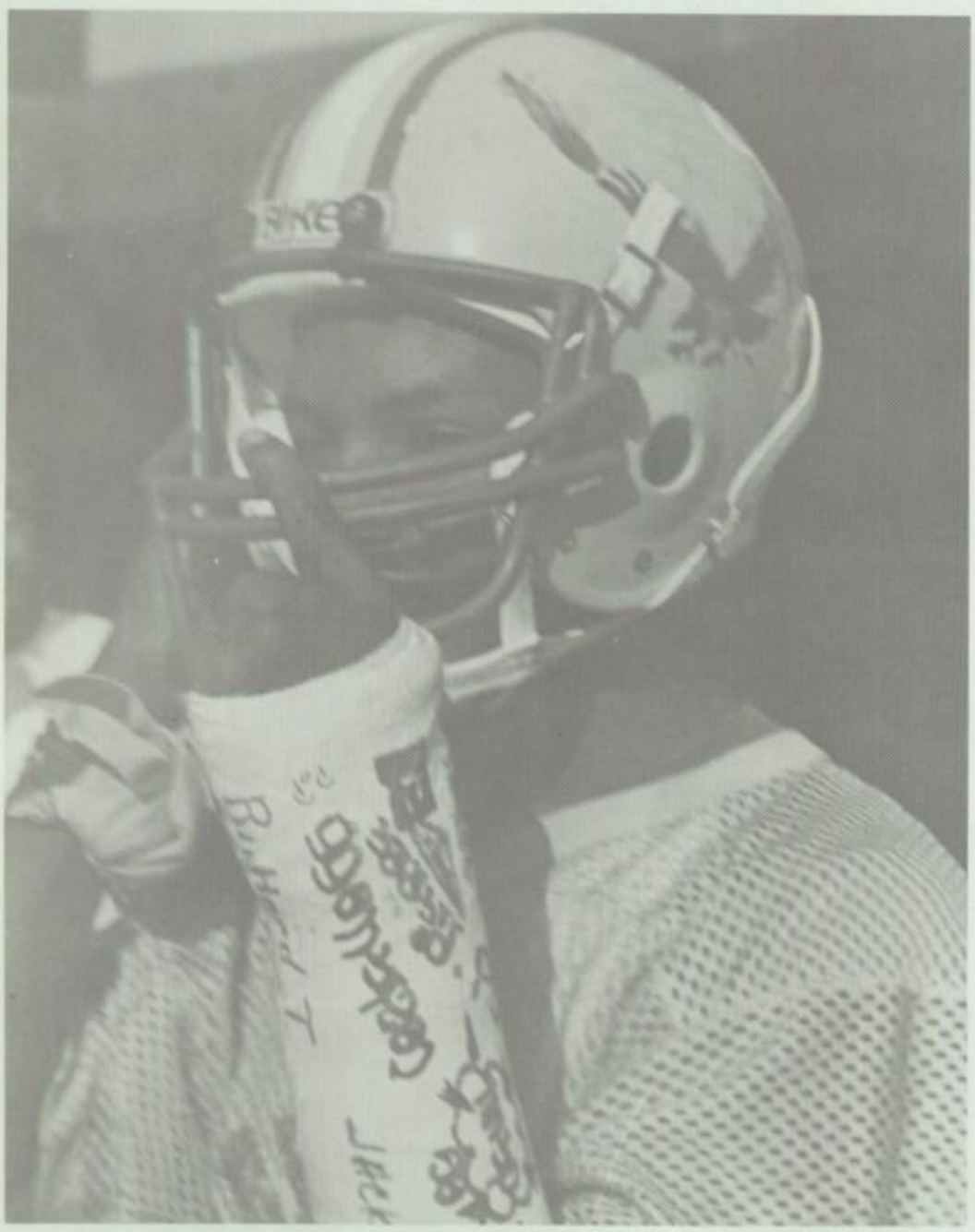


Calvin Haynes goes for two.

The intense Calvin Haynes.

Eagle fans show true spirit.

Dwayne Lawler clears the path.

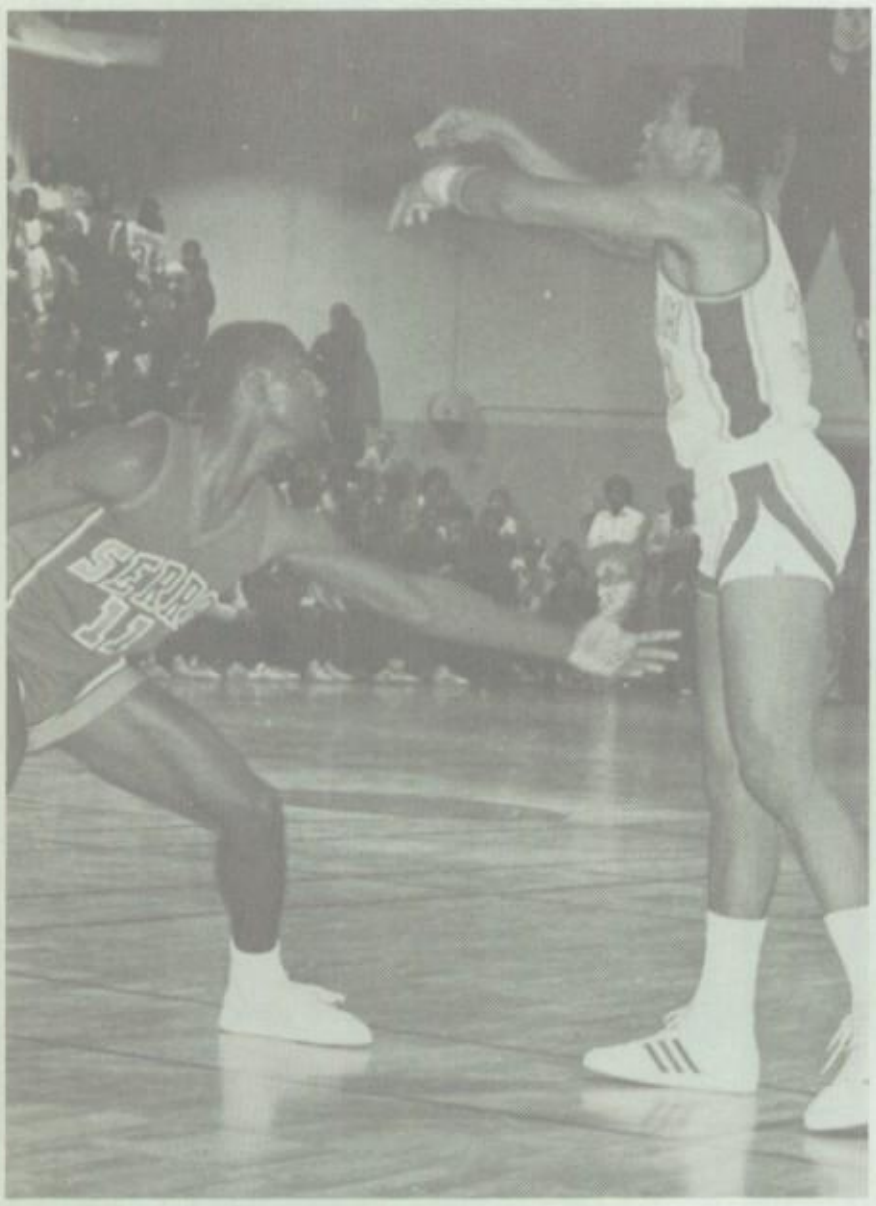


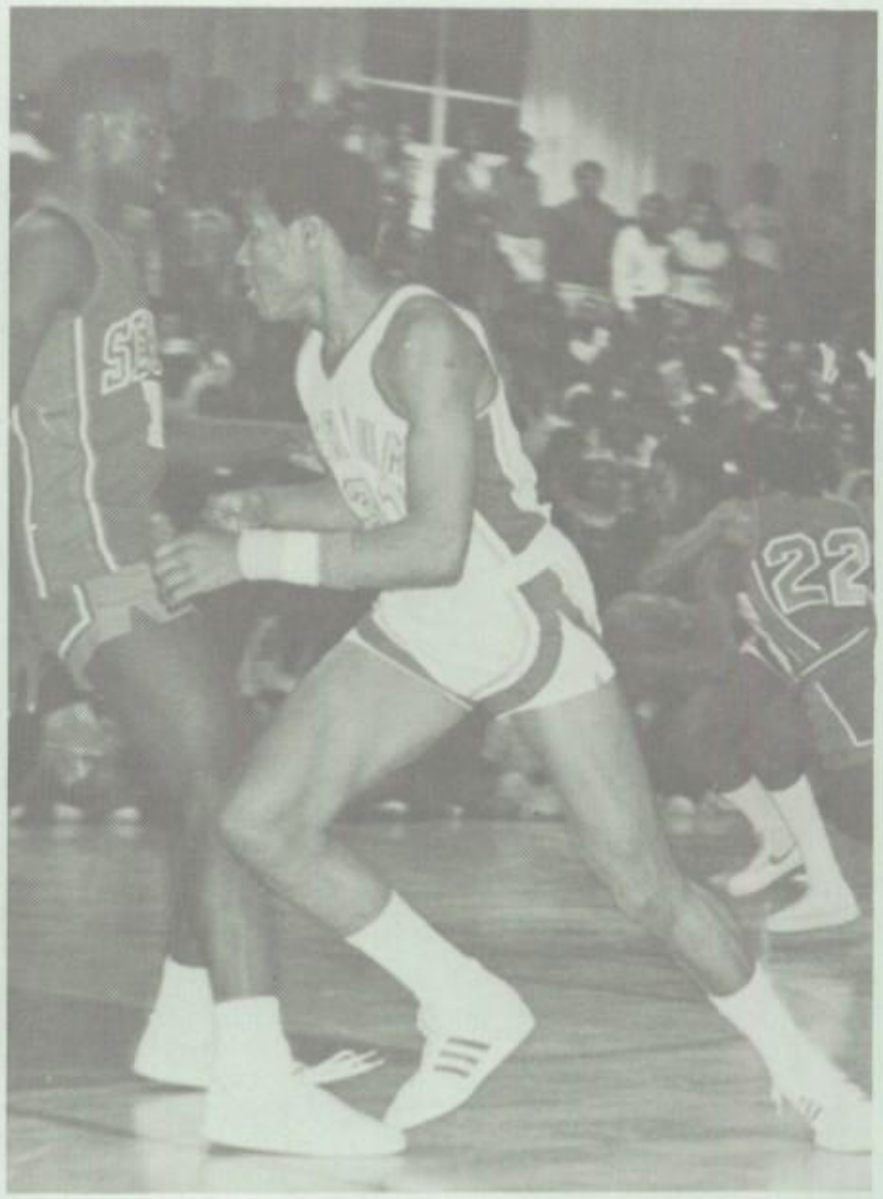
Romain gives the #1.

After Homecoming: Verb 27-Serra 0.

FROSH-SOPH FOOTBALL

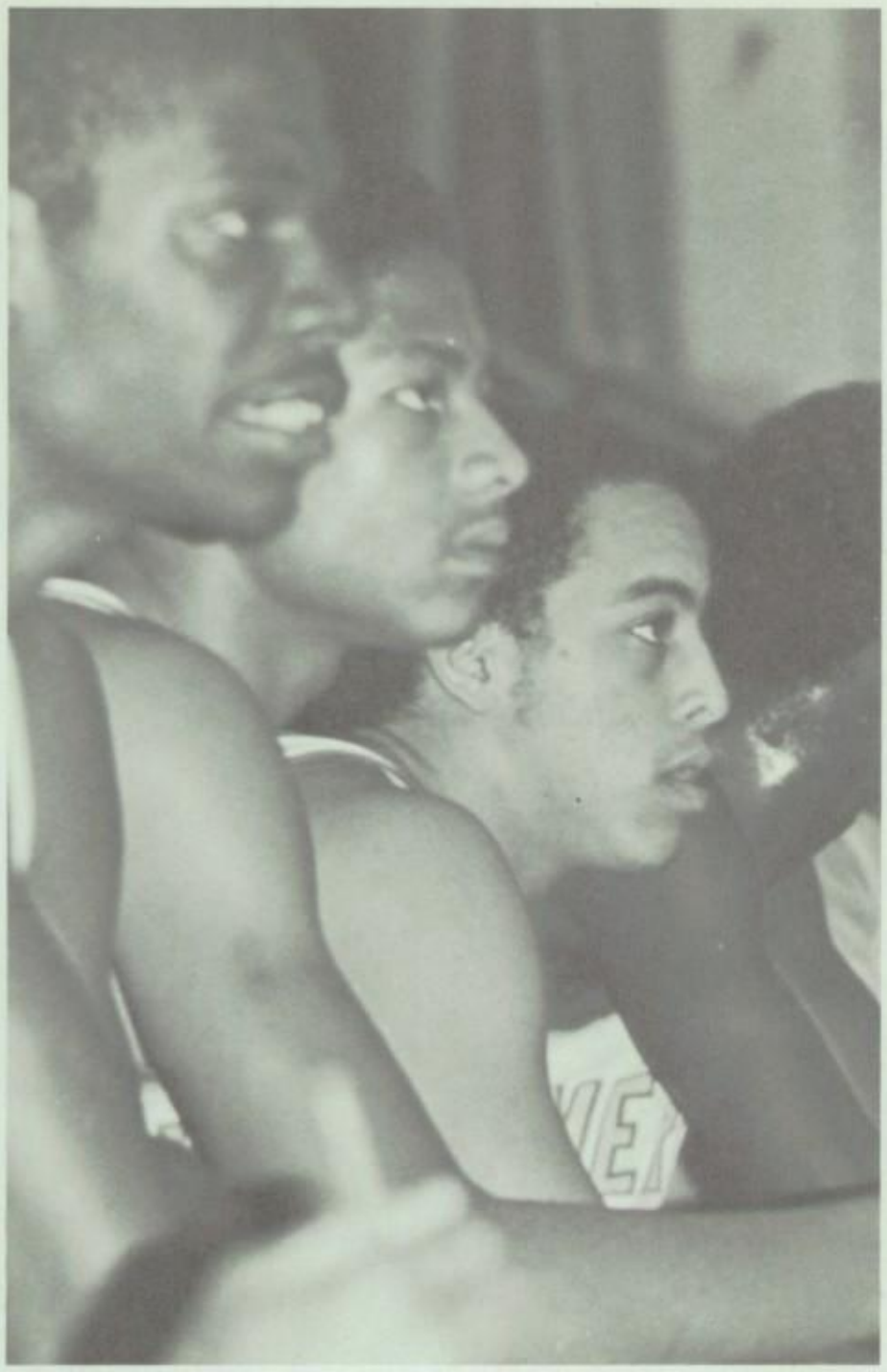
(Top row left to right) Coach G. Mayer, M. Hall, M. White, R. Broaster, D. Bryant, N. Pierce, B. Hackney, Coach C. Edwards, (2 row) D. Mosley, R. Wright, B. Frank, M. Pickens, D. Jones, D. Allen, C. Thomas, (3rd row) C. Penick, D. Hawkins, R. Romain, J. Lewis, K. Stewart, C. Henry, Fred Russell, (Bottom Row) L. Brusar, S. Smith, J. Jones, K. Smith A. Grove, B. Smith.



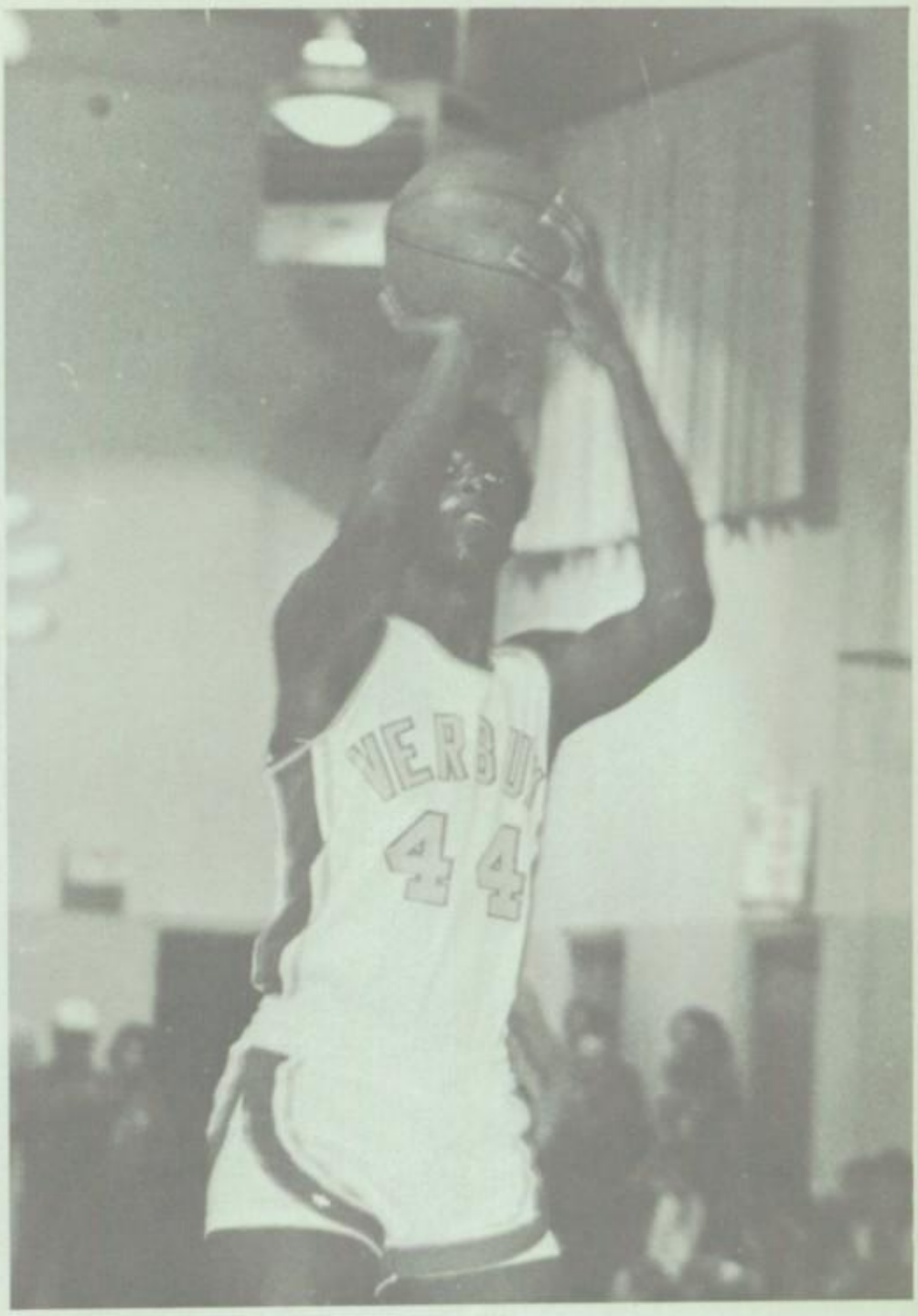


Derrick Dorsey makes a pass against Serra . . . and breaks to the basket.

Verb students cheer on basketball team.

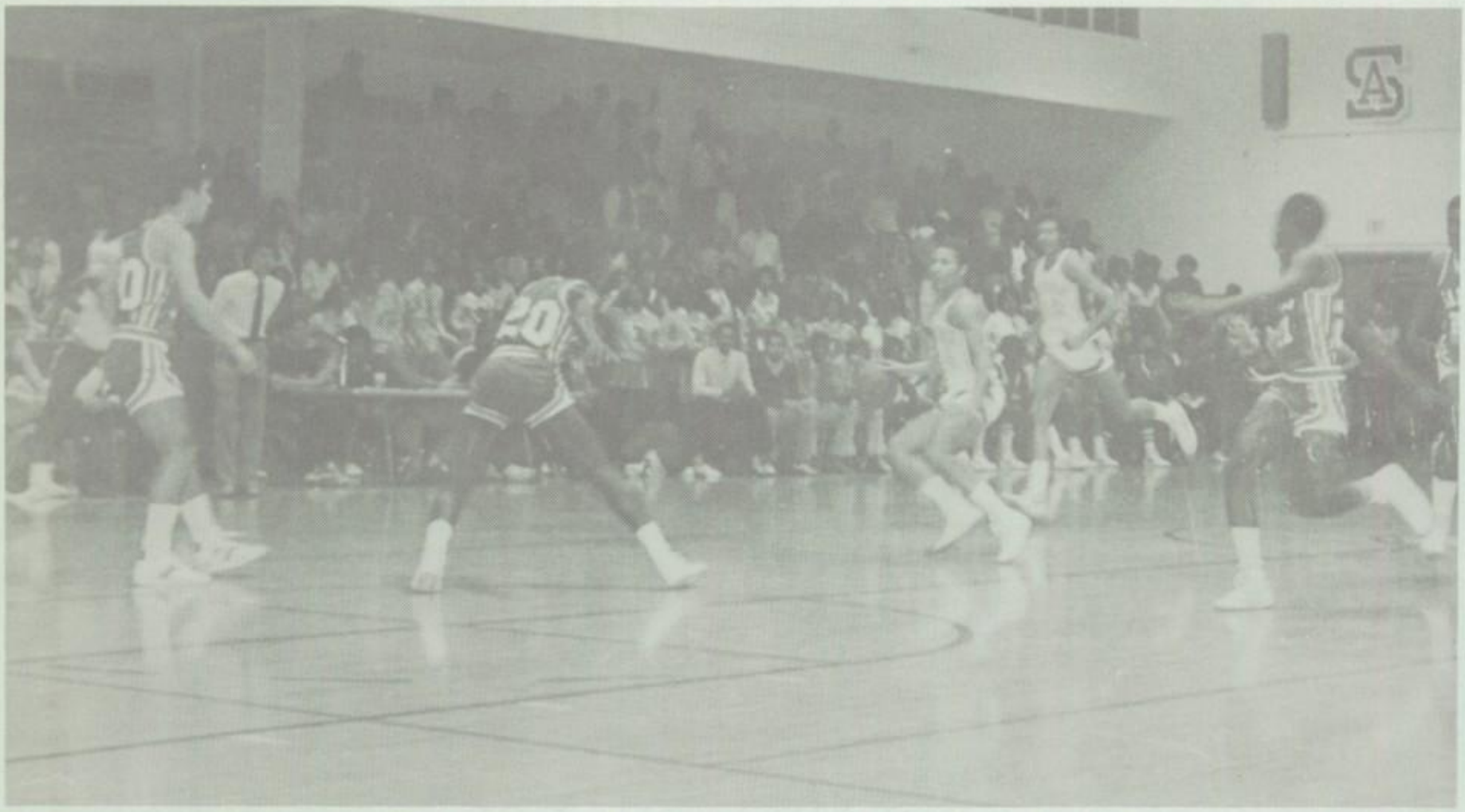


While the bench looks on...



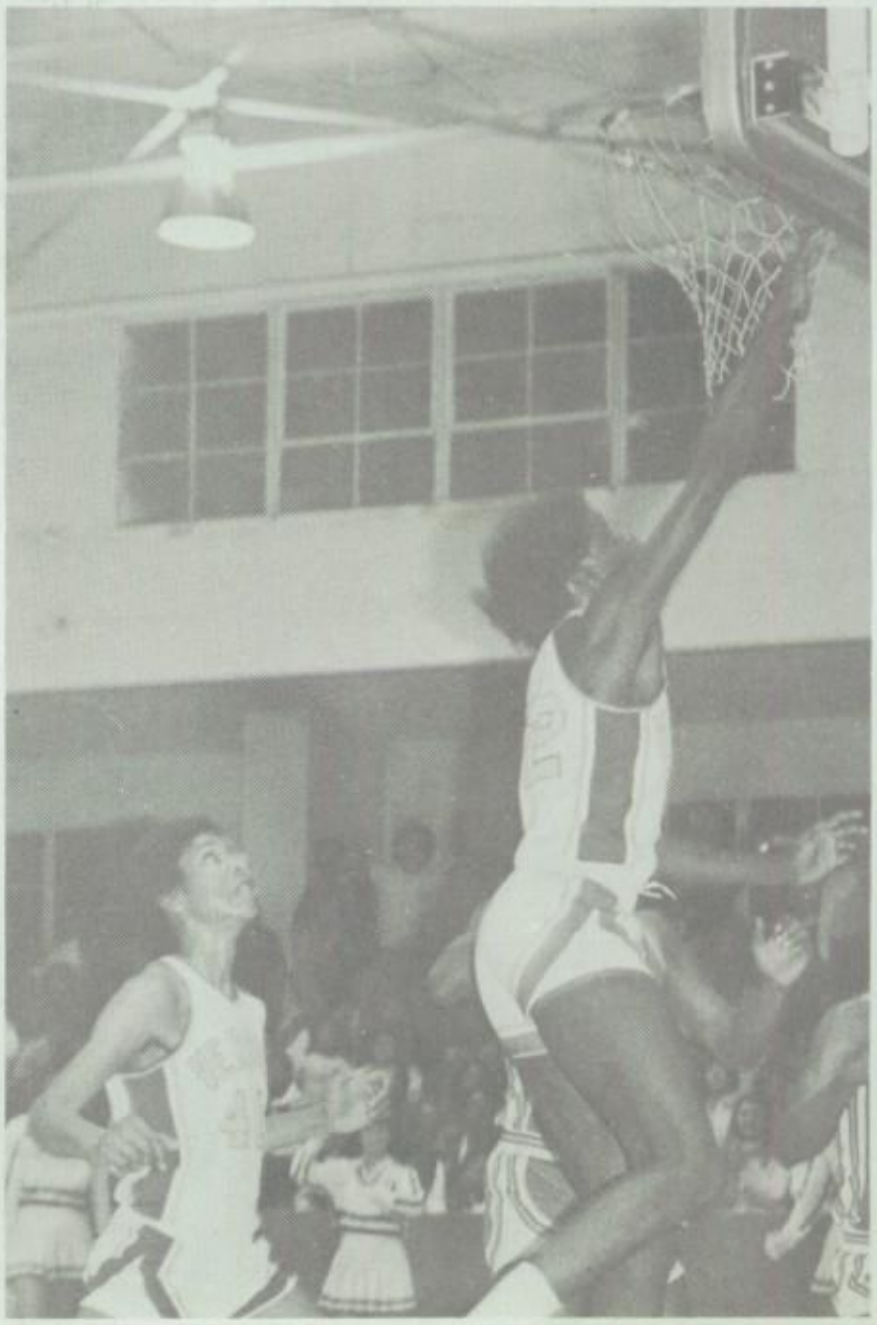
Chris Brown aims high.

Donny Brown and Alexander Hamilton hustle.



Donnie Brown setting up the play against Saint Anthony.

Ricky Anderson shoots a free throw against Katella.



Calvin Haynes scores two against Saint Anthony.

JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL

(Top, left to right) Coach G. Bishop, D. Jackson, P. Burkhalter, D. Langston, S. Brooks, T. Williams, E. Scott, R. Smith, T. Greenwood. (Bottom) R. Lewis, T. Parrish, Chris Jefferson, K. Hocker, C. Crawford.

SOPHOMORE BASKETBALL

Back row L-R: Bernard Morris, Len Tarlton, Jeffrey Taylor, Front row L-R: Greg Marshall, John Lewis, Brian Haynes, Eric Brown.

FRESHMAN BASKETBALL

(Top, Left to right) R. Gibbs, C. Sargent, T. Hanzy, A. McNeal, C. Millet, A. Grove, L. Landers, R. Owens. Middle C. Wilson, L. Age, S. Murray, J. Edwards, L. Jones, M. Hall, Coach E. Mendoza. (Bottom) P. Davis, D. Austin, L. Broussard.

Coach Banks Sophomore basketball coach stands by his cheaply made Ford. How CHEAPLY made?

Richard Townsend, Carl Richardson and Elvin Ware pose after the game together.

VARSITY TRACK

(Top row, left to right) D. Guidry, H. Edison, J. Jackson, T. Norman, C. Brown, H. Nickerson, J. Rose, B. McIntyre, D. Thomas, J. Young, E. Mitchell, L. Biffle, E. LaCour; Middle Row: K. Beard, D. Stallworth, D. Dorsey, K. Hocker, A. Banks, P. Williams, A. McGowan; Bottom Row: E. Swain, R. Gwynn, D. Hartley, S. Anderson, E. Ware, T. Marshall;

Coach Lalo at track practice.

C. Brown clears unbelievable five feet.

Eagles flying high at their individual events.

FROSH/SOPH TRACK

(Top row L-R): J. Smith, K. Holmes, E. Mitchell, E. Brown, J. Johnson, J. Lewis, R. Whitfield, J. Doyle, K. Bryant, E. McCallough, E. Walker, (Bottom row L-R): T. Johnson, B. Frank, C. Henry, E. Evans, C. Penick, B. Haynes, J. Jones, B. Norman.

Clifford Penick Up, 'n Over.

Haynes soaring over the high jump bar.

John Lewis leaving all competitors.

(above) Gwynn starting to pull away. (right) Joe Young gearing up for the long jump.

VARSITY SOCCER

Varsity Soccer Team: Kerry Jelks, Coach Chavez, Lymont Harvey, Carl Bibbs, Rodney Lister, Ronald Clarke, Victor McClinton, Darryl Stallworth, Frank Lambrey, Martin Pastor, Houston Castillo, Robert Martinez, Elliott Walker, Kevin Jelks, Jeffrey Smith, Mark James, Cecil Reyes, Brian Powell, Louise Reyes, Walter Hill.

Coach Ernie Watches his players go for a goal.

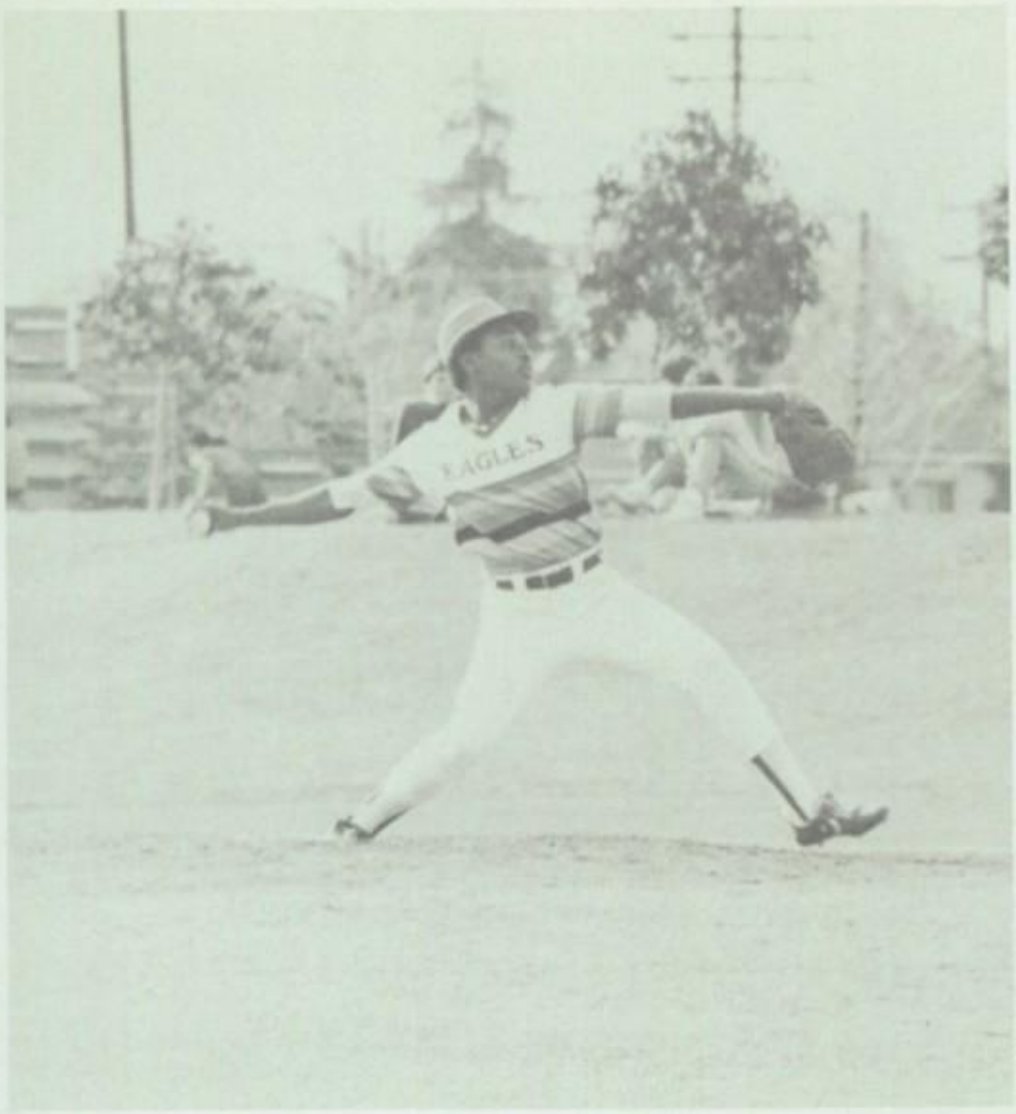
Seniors Darren Frank, Carl Bibbs, and Jamal Clutchett surround Daniel Murphy man.

Ronald Clarke blows the ball out of the way.

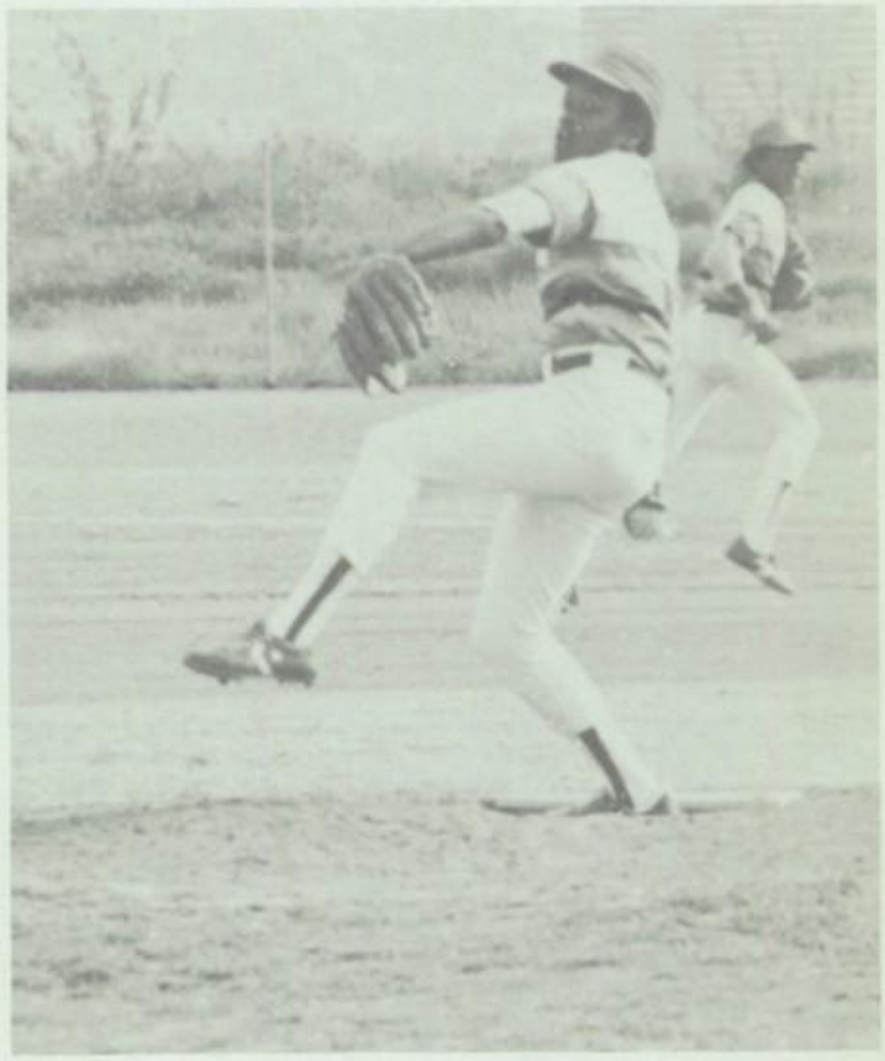
Coach Ernie cheers 'em on.

VARSITY BASEBALL

(left to right) E. Allen, D. Stallworth, M. Rushing, J. Butler, F. Russell, J. Clutchett, Coach Pete, C. Poplion, D. Hawkins, T. McMillan, T. Glover, D. Frank, P. Davis, (Middle) R. Green, A. Cos, L. Douglas.



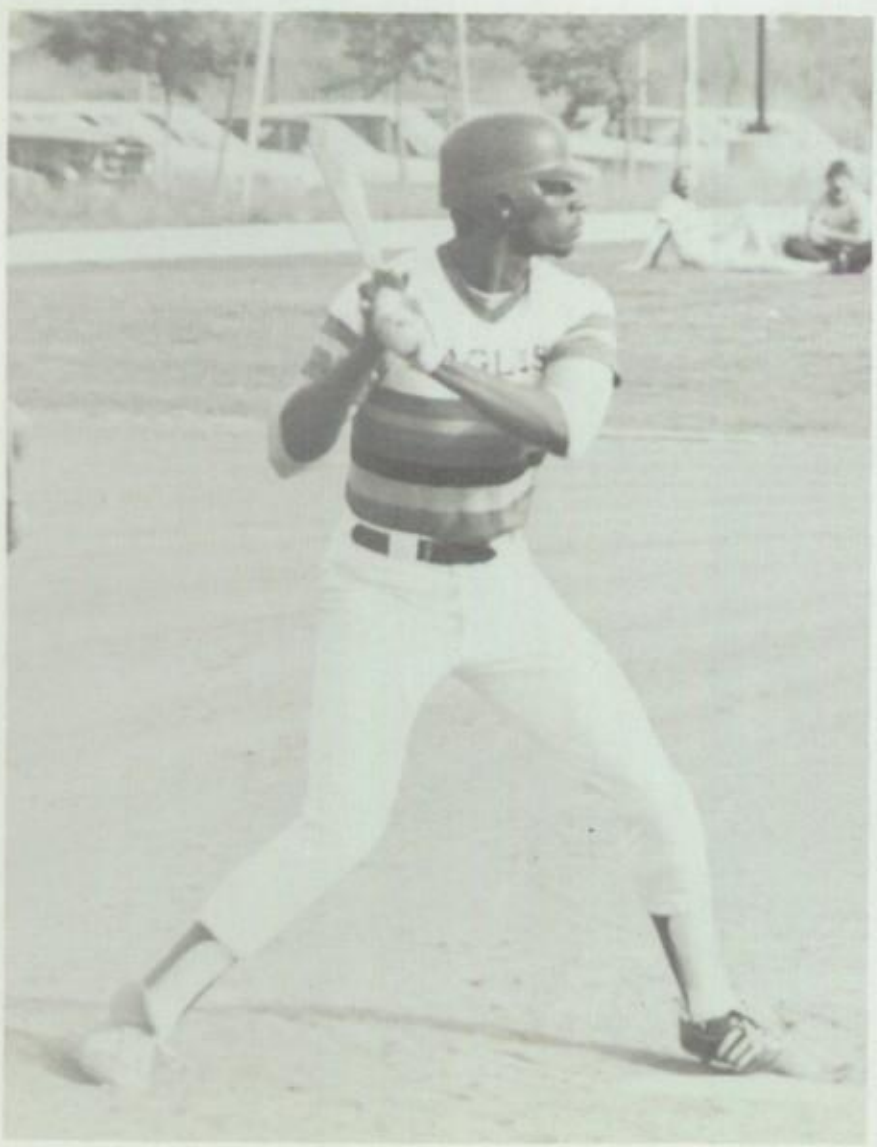
"TERRIBLE" Terrence McMillan fires from the mound.



Coach Pete Morado

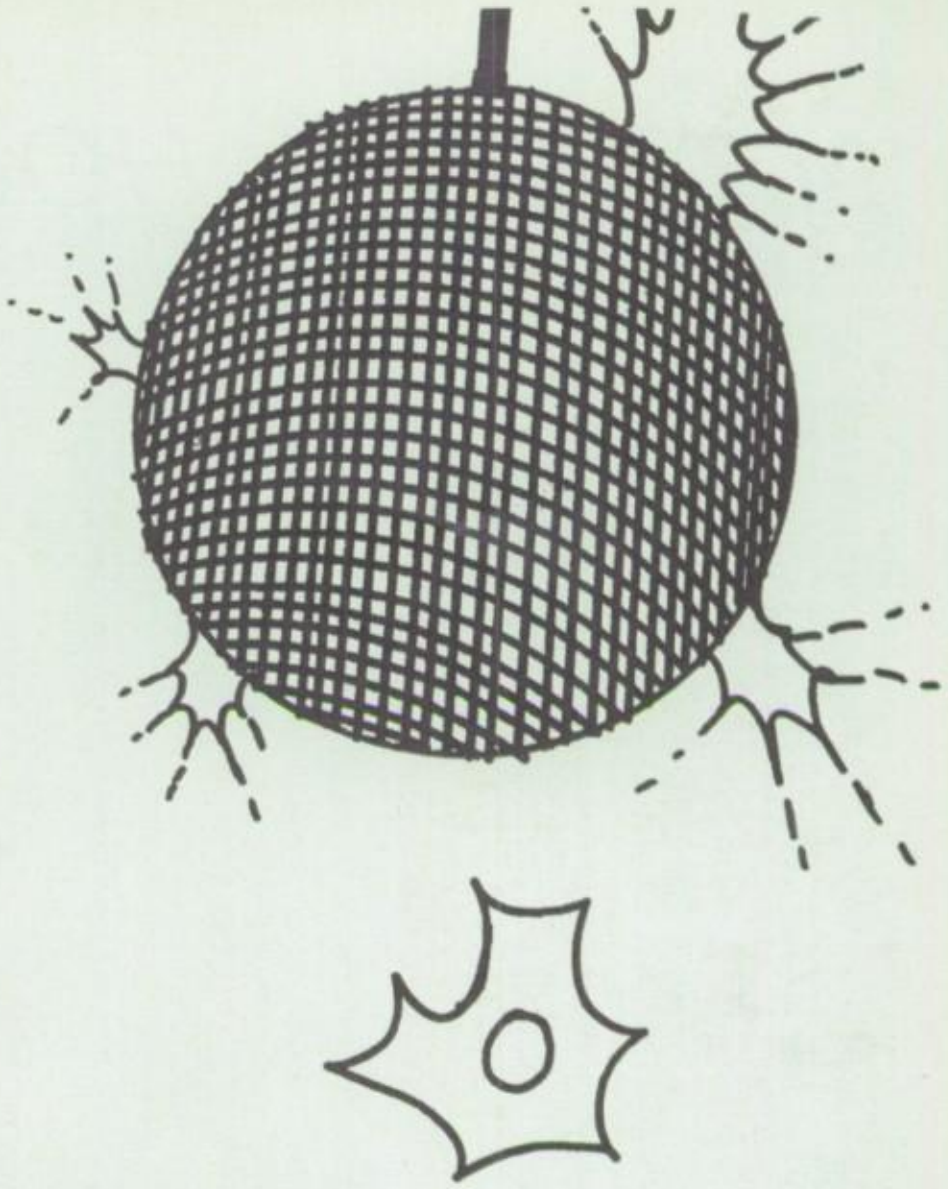
Eagle slides home.

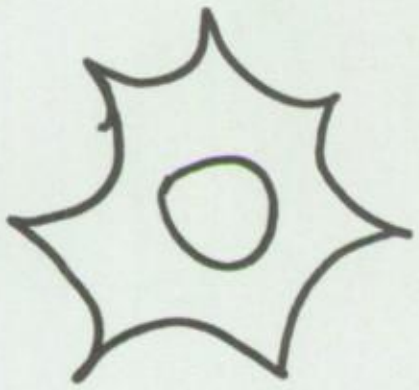
Edward Allen prepares to blast a homer.

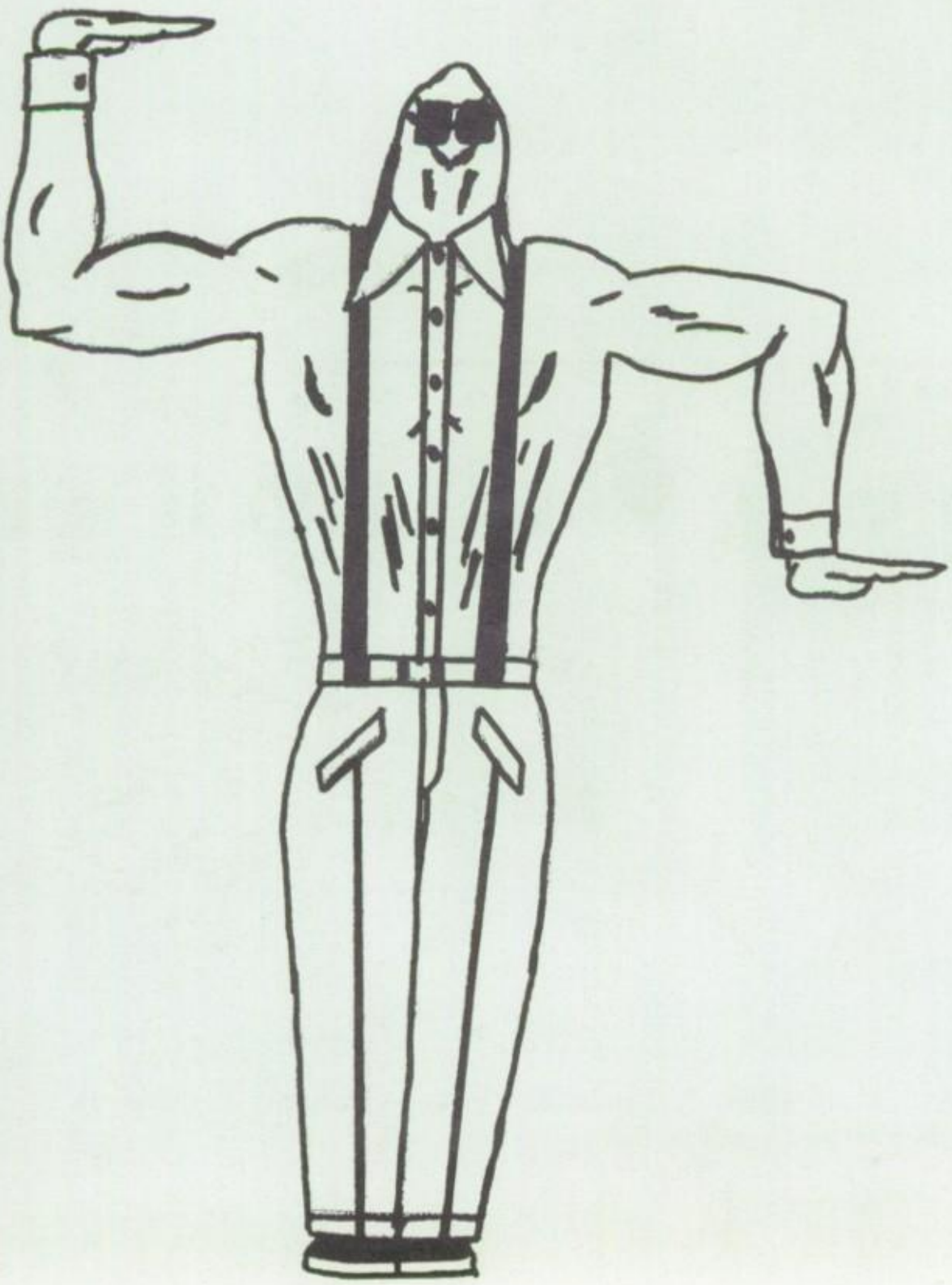


Things look good from the dugout.

ACTIVITIES



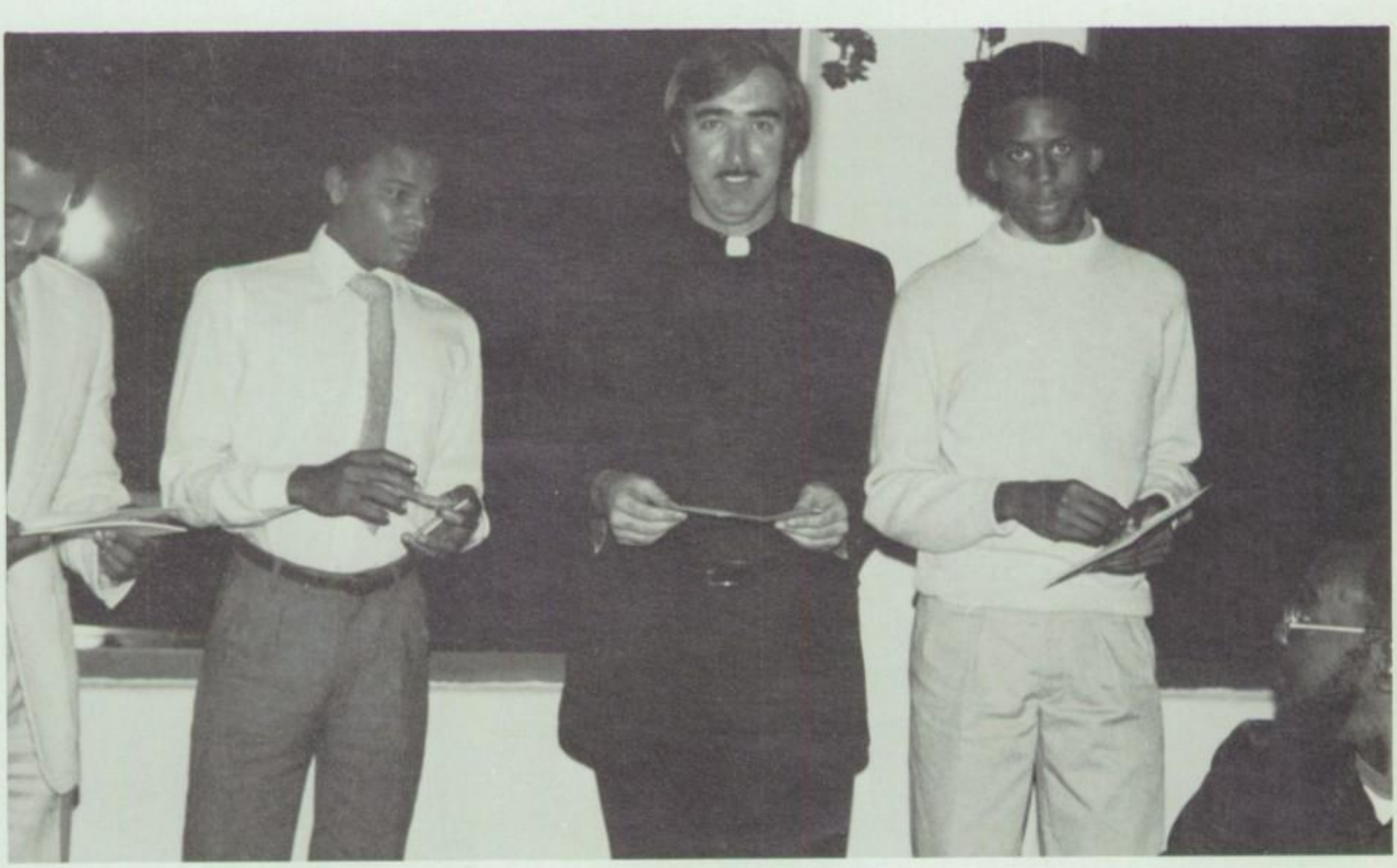




NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

(Top, left to right) D. Stallworth, C. Bowden, R. Lister, K. Hocker. (Bottom) J. Lewis, R. Owens, L. Mitchell, B. Smith, T. Parrish.

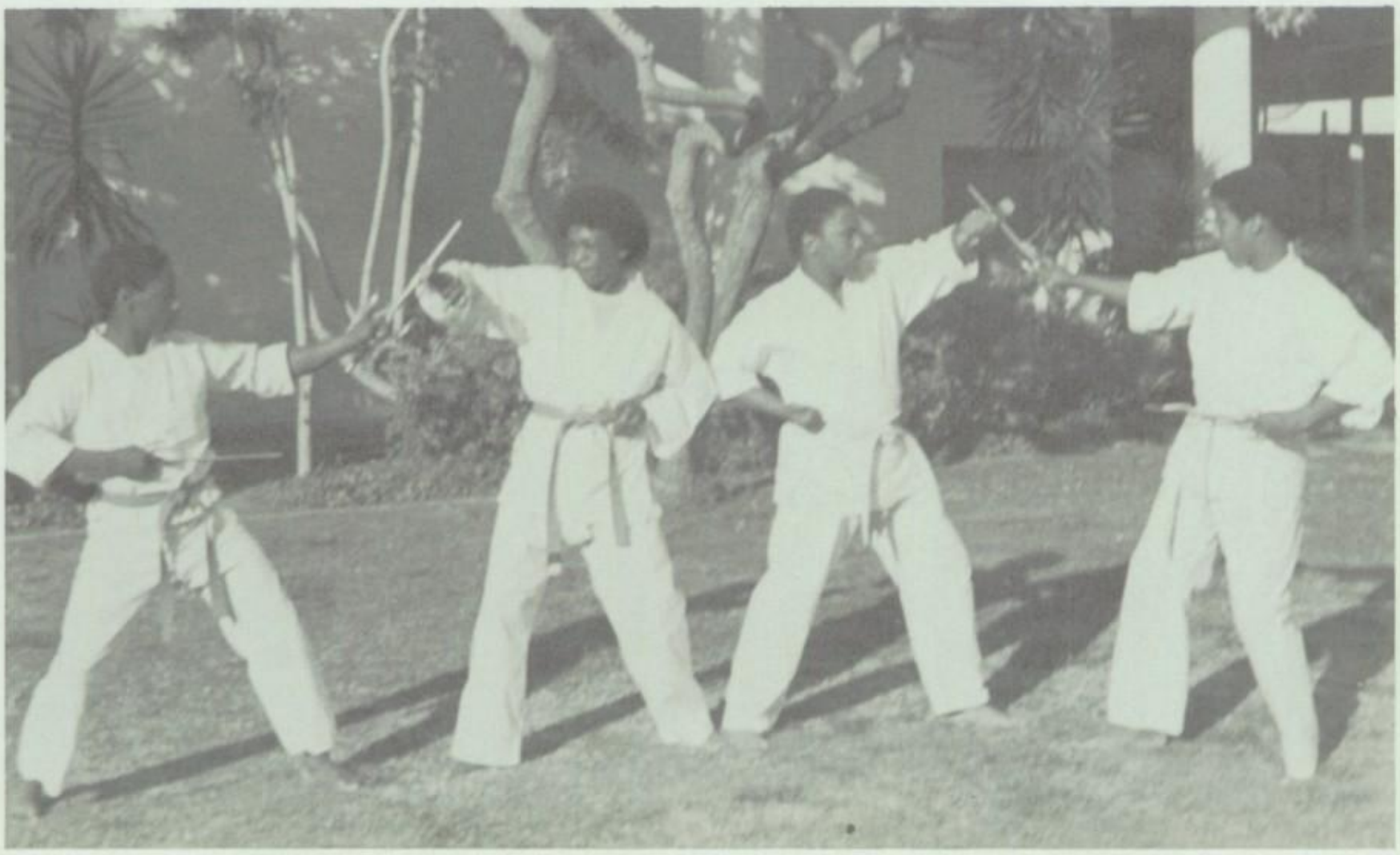
National Honor's students eating a very well deserved dinner.



Fr. Hutchins poses with an honored junior and alumnus of Verbum Dei.

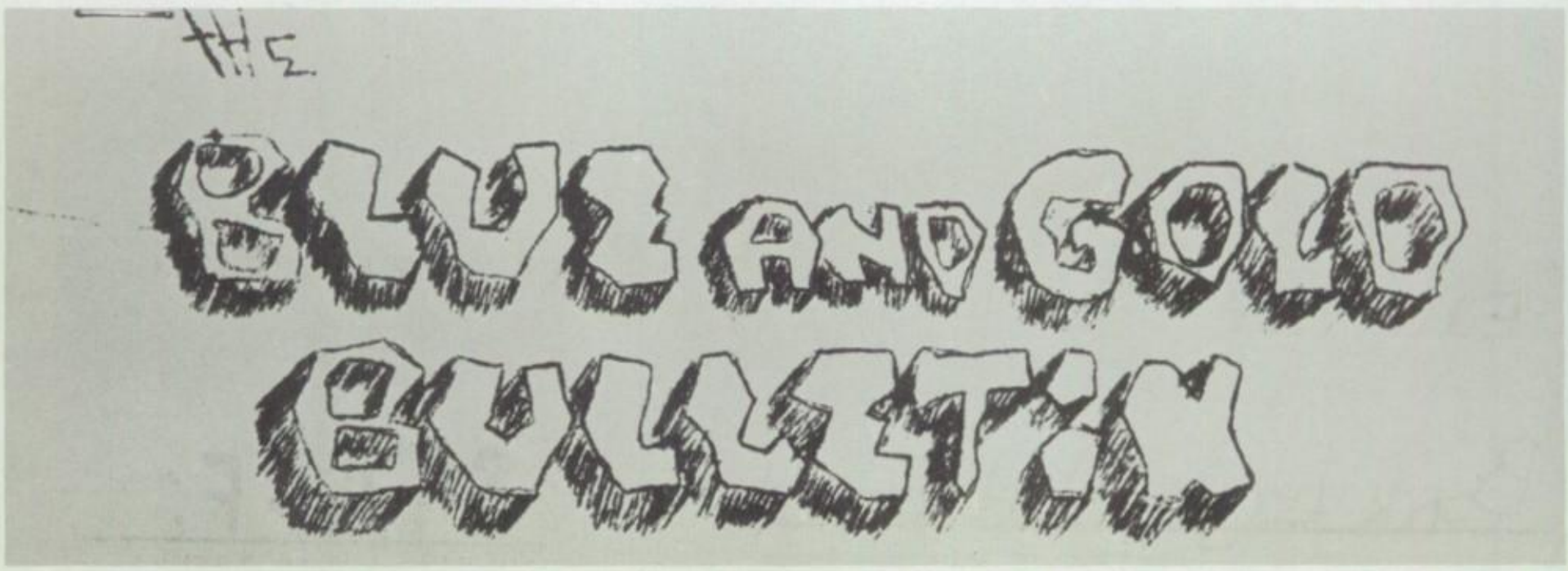
KARATE CLUB

(first row, left to right) Sullivan Smith, Kevin Anderson, Leo Mitchell, Ken Smith, Bob Smith, Robert Ross, Troy Norman (second row) Dominic Tregelia, Julie Morado, Lucy Morado (third row) Yvonne Morado, Dan Sensei, John Soltis



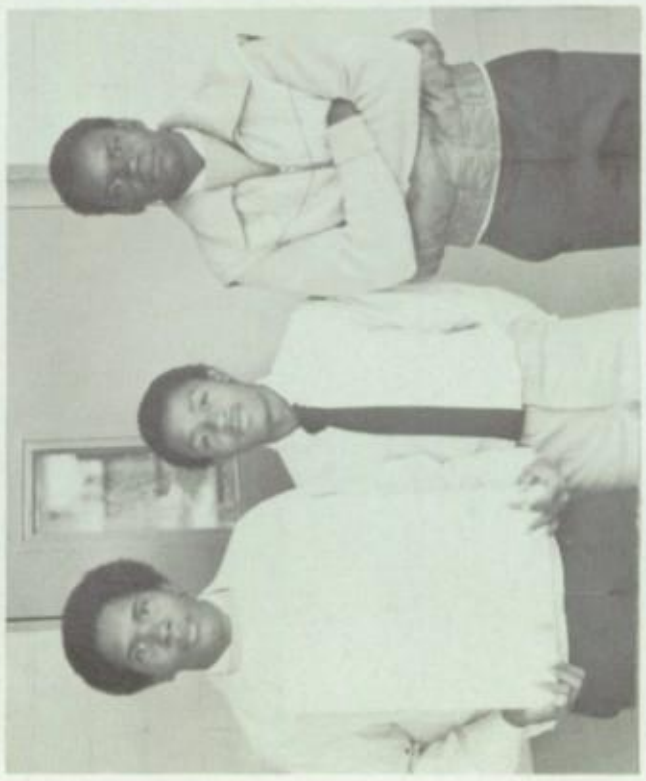
NEWSPAPER STAFF

(Top row, left to right) L. Biffle, J. Young, G. Ford, M. Sparks, L. Banks, D. Thomas, W. Jones, R. Romain, S. Martin (Below, left to right) Miss Eickman, P. Druman, H. Haywood, M. Rushing.



THE STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE YEARBOOK STAFF

(Above) T. Parrish, E. Walker, J. Lewis pose in the darkroom after school. (Below) The talented yearbook staff artists, R. Miller, L. Reyes, E. Evans.

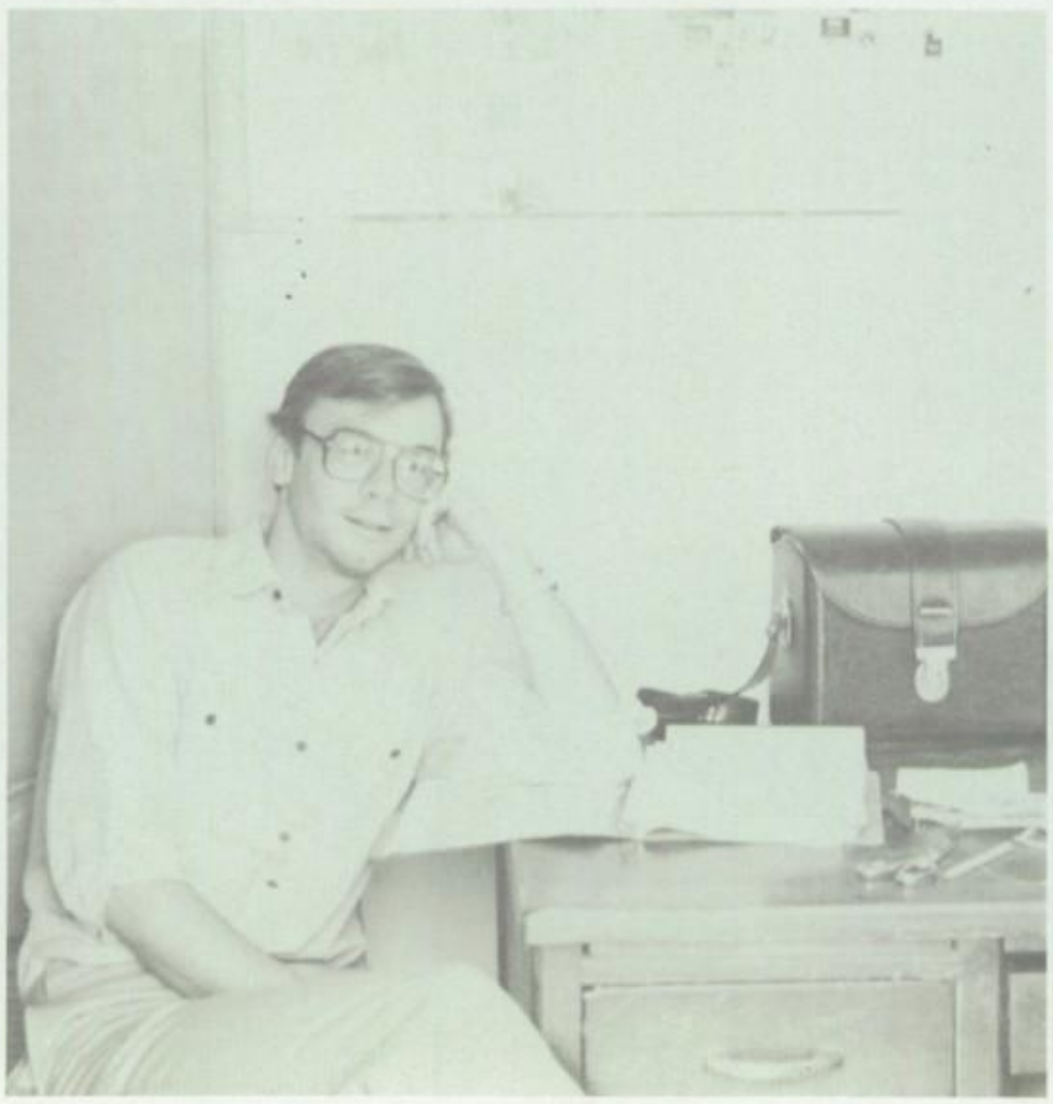


Elliott Walker pretending to be hard at work.

Leo Mitchell preparing the bills.

Unfortunately not everyone who put time into "Strive for Excellence" is pictured on these pages. The yearbook advisor really would have liked to have had their pictures on these last few pages instead of all these other turkeys. But that's the way it goes. Anyhow, congratulations to the best staff ever for a job well done.

(Top left) Sports Editor Thomas Parrish and Editor-in-chief Jeffery Taylor (Right) work hard on this year's yearbook, while (Bottom) Advisor, Mr. Dan Gutekanst relaxes patiently!!!



HOMECOMING

Richard Gwynn eludes a Serra tackle. The Verb wins 27-0.

Don't cry, Michelle Franklin, you won!

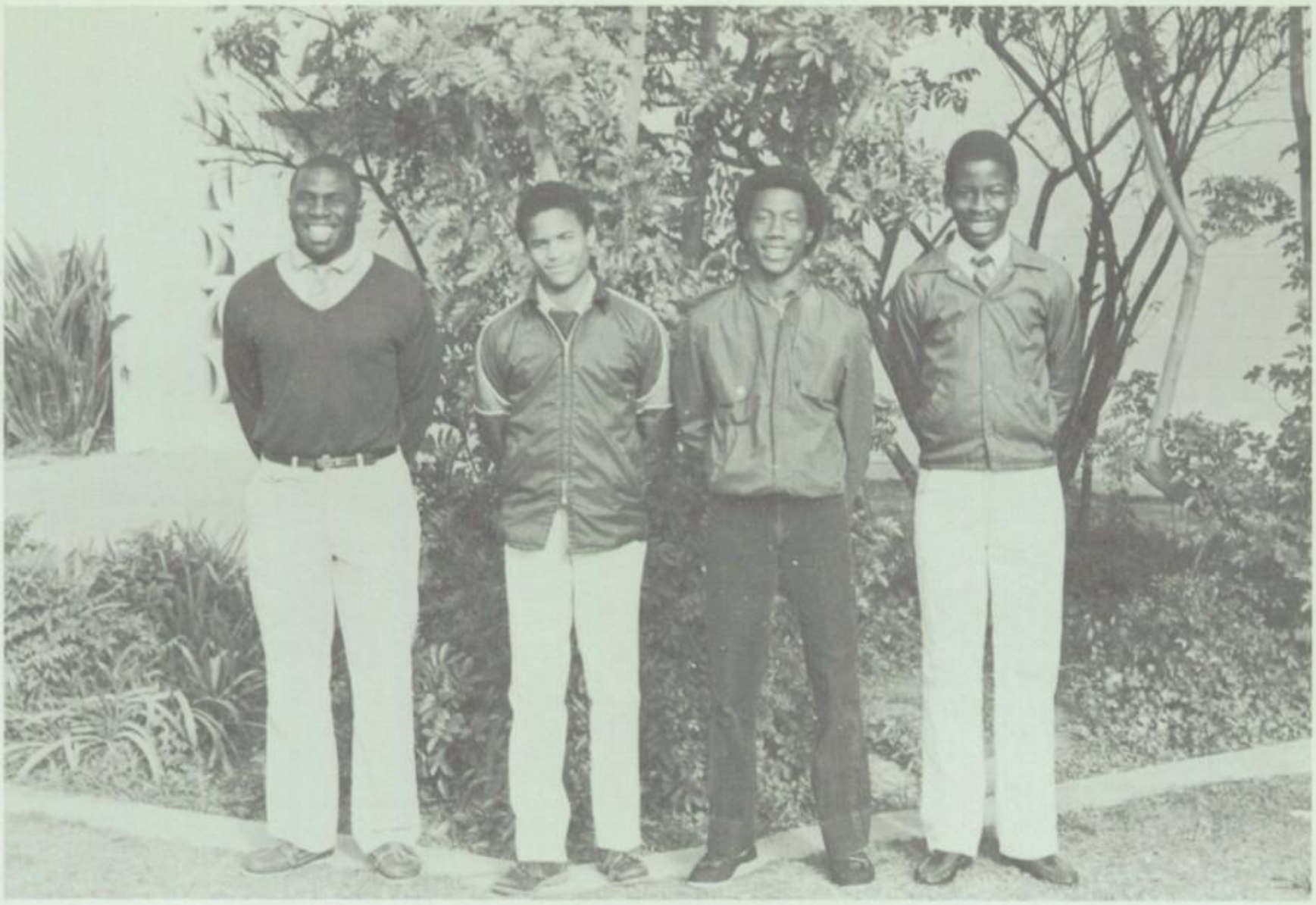
What a day! Great weather, a great crowd, and another great win over Serra. And later, back at the "Spectrum", everyone celebrated and danced to the live tunes of Dr. Jock while the Queen and her court looked on.

The Queen's Court

The Queen's men, Craig Ridley, Darren Frank, and Ronald Clark.

Senior Class Officers: L-R: back: Craig Ridley, Darren Frank, Edward Allen. front L-R: Carl Bibbs, Lee Douglas.

Junior Class Officers: L-R: Darryl Stallworth, Troy Marshall, Dennis Black, Rodeny Lister.



Sophomore Class Officers: L-R: John Johnson, John Lewis, Elliot Walker, Jeffrey Taylor.

Freshman Class Officers: L-R: Heuston Castillo, Anthony Grove, Derrick, Eric McCallough.

Student Council Officers.

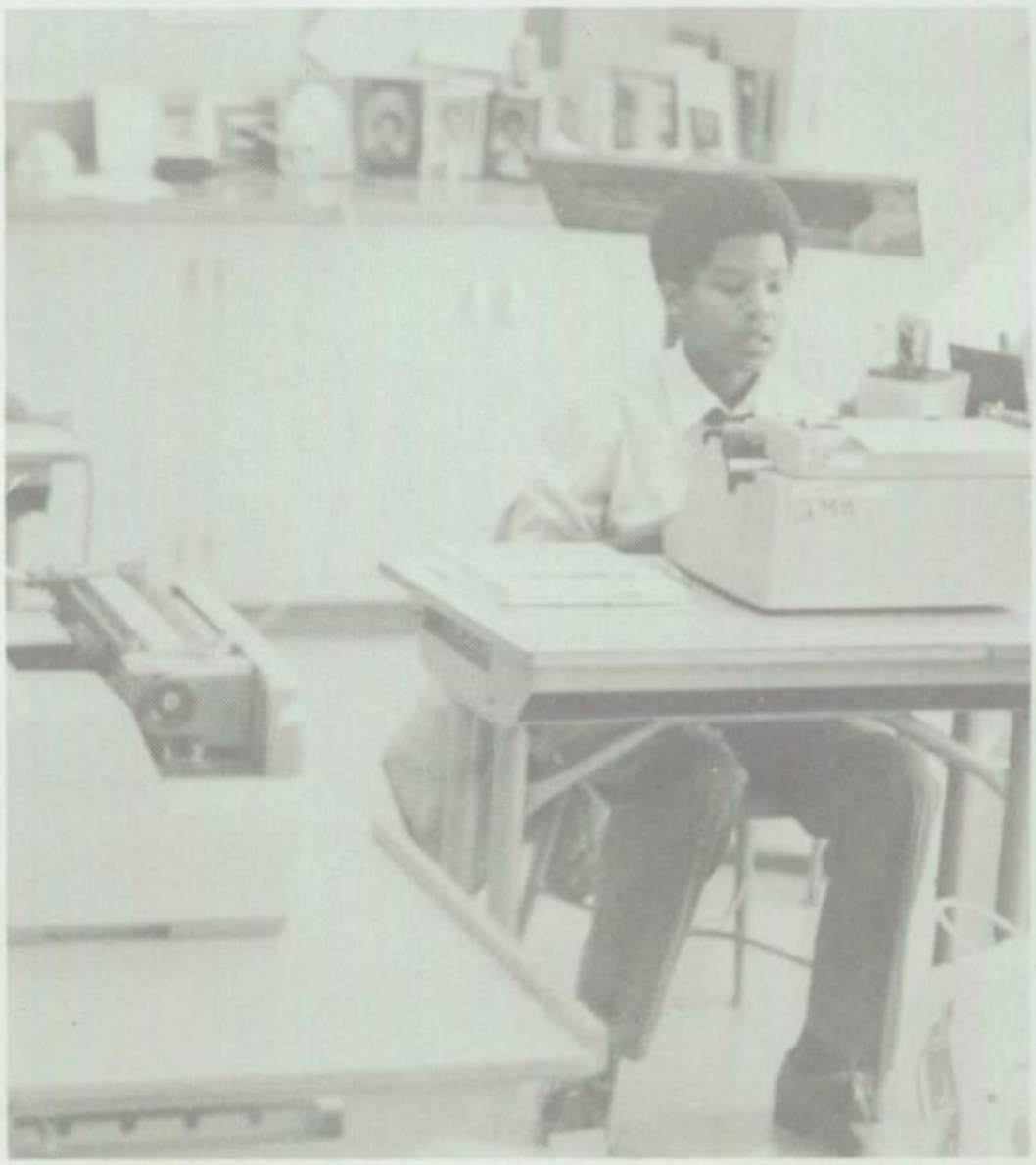
Student Body Officers: Michael Stewart, Jamal Clutchett, Sean McCormick, Michael Taylor.

1981-82 EAGLE CHEERLEADERS

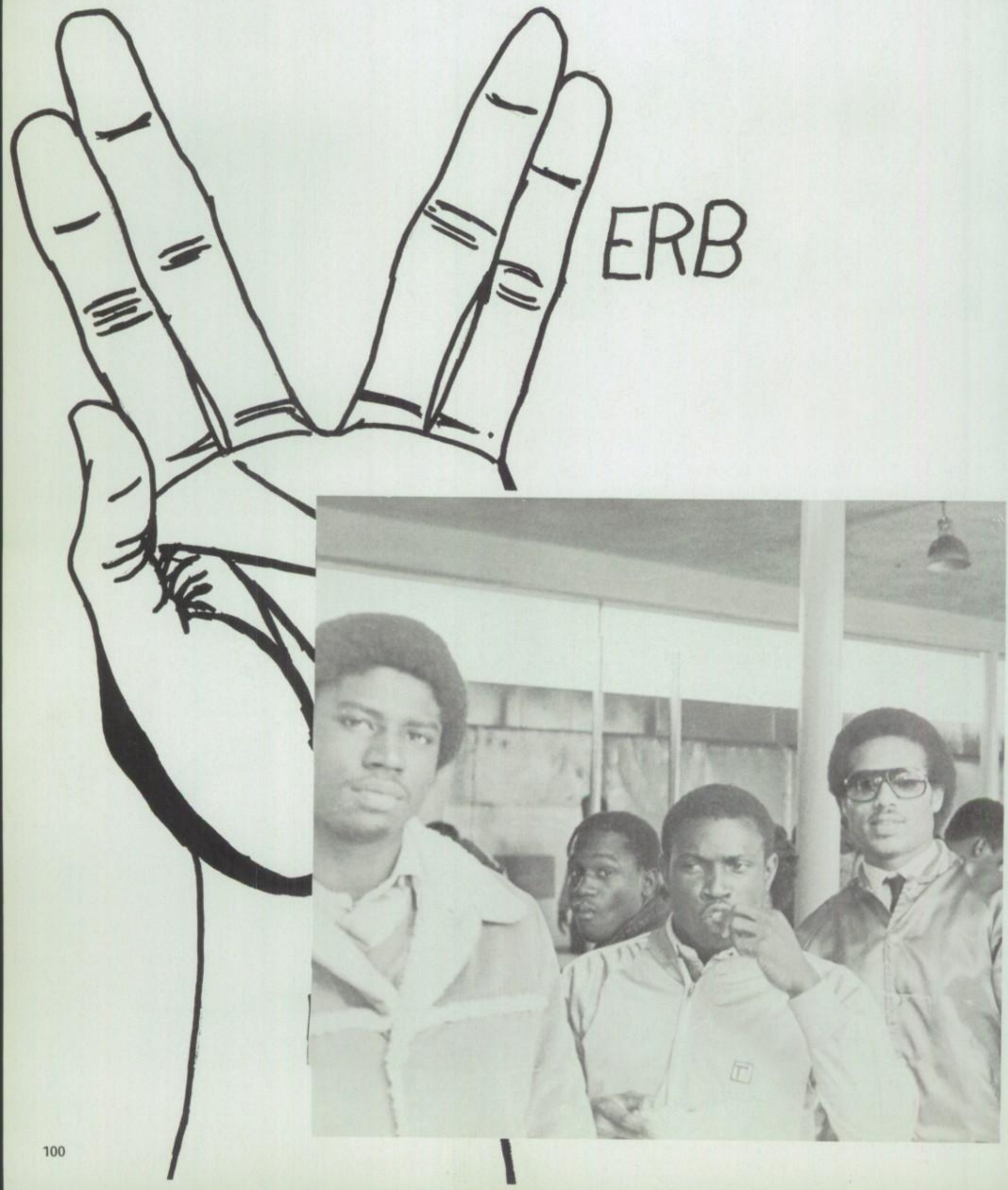
"Verb, say what!"

Eagletts head to field.

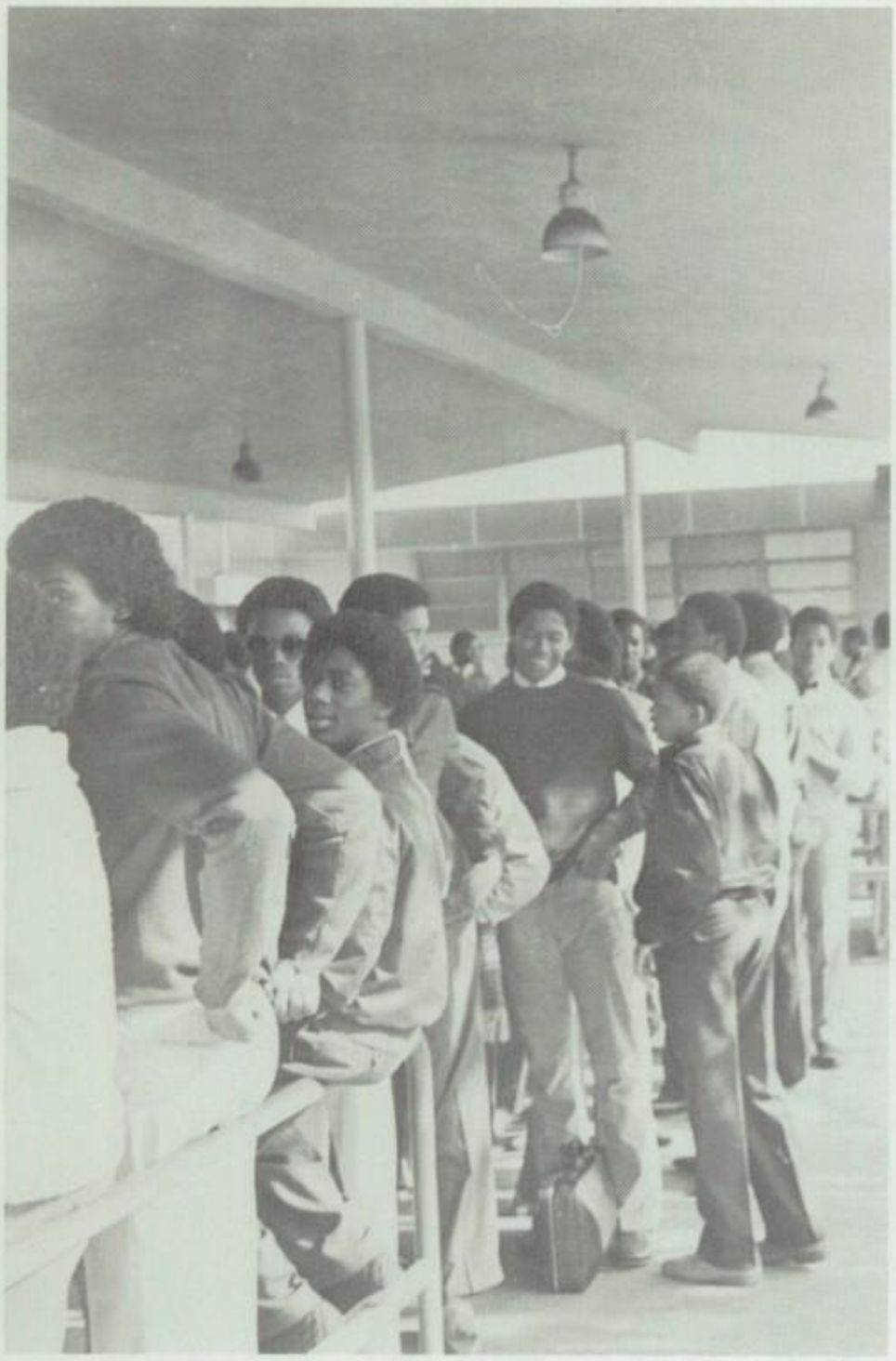
(Above) Coaches Bishop and Bowles, Langston and Burkhalter fooling around. (Right) Freshman typing away.



(Above) Fr. Wadeson celebrates Mass. (Right) Lalo coaches Hamilton. (Below) End of the day.


ERB

BLACK
IS BEAUTIFUL
RODNEY MILLER '93



Lunchtime!

Professor Philomene.

The Blood Drive Commitee. (left to right) Top: D. Stallworth, D. Frank, P. Davis, M. Taylor, E. Allen, J. Clutchett, L. Douglas, (bottom) C. Ridley, P. Knight, C. Bibbs, S. McCormick, M. Stewart.

SPONSORS

Congratulations Phillip, may God grant you your endeavours through your future, Mom and Dad.

Congratulations Lymont Harvey, love Mom.

Best wishes from Night Game D. J. productions.

Best of luck to the Class of '82, Ms. Melancon.

Congratulations to the class of 1982, I.C.M. Missionary Sisters.

Congratulations Boyce Holland, love Mom.

To the Class of '82, congratulations on high standards and excellence, Mrs. Barnes.

Congratulations for a job well done, Mrs. Frank.

Congratulations for a job well done, Mrs. Forley.

Congratulations Herbert Haywood, love Mom.

Congratulations to my son, Leo, love Mom.

Congratulations to our nephew Leo Mitchell for his success and hard work, The Wilsons.

Congratulations to Craig from Mom and Dad.

God bless you all with good health, happiness and love The Bayonnes.

For Cle Sloan, congratulations on your graduation, Mrs. Rivers.

Congratulations to the Class of '82 from the Parrish family.

Congratulations to my son for being a great linebacker, Mr. McIntyre.

You sit up half the night with a sick old man. At first light the fever breaks. Thank God, the worst is over. Tomorrow, you begin work again on the new school. You've been working on it now for three years. No one said the job was easy.

We're the Divine Word Missionaries, a Catholic Missionary Society of priests and brothers. For information on our work, write:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Age _____ Education _____

DIVINE WORD COLLEGE
Epworth,Iowa 52045

Congratulations to the 1981-82 C.I.F. football champions, and the graduates of 1982. With pride and pleasure we served the young men of the gold and blue. Always thinking of you, best wishes from: Mrs. Harris, and her lunch crew: Mrs. Morrow, Mrs. Hooks, Brother B.B.

ADVERTISING

Congratulations son, may the future be a success, Mrs. Brown.

Congratulations to Carl Richardson and good luck from your Grandparents.

Warm wishes from Thrillmette, IL !!! William Acton.

Congratulations Darren Frank, Love your sister.

Continued success to Verbum Dei, Mr. & Mrs. Jose' Lewis & Family.

To John Lewis, keep up the good work, with Love The Clark Family.

Continue to work hard, John Lewis, from Luisa M. Lewis R.N., M.N.

Best Wishes, Phillip, We knew you would make it, Love Mr. & Mrs. Duborius.

THE FARRIORS: Donna, Clifford, Endenne & Adaire.

Congratulations to the Seniors from the "EAGLE" Basketball Program.

To Kevin Jelks, Congratulations From your Friends at Manhattan Place School.

God Bless you, Kevin Gelks, From Mrs. Letitia R. Mozee.

Kevin Jelks, Congratulations, may God be with you throughout the rest of the years, Love #2 Mom, Faye.

ACE TIRE INC.**-7036- South Central Ave. - 582-5432.

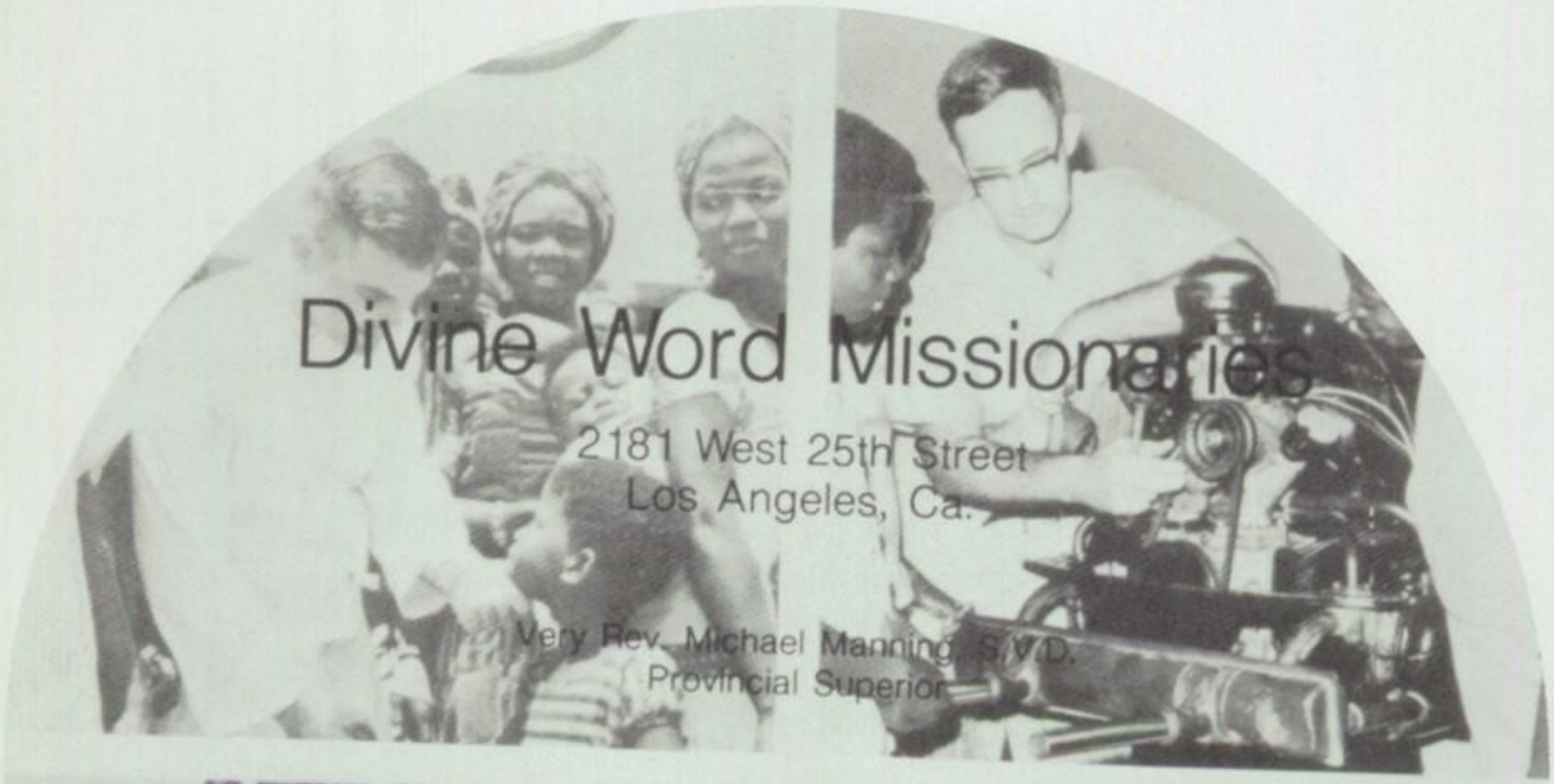
Congratulations to the Graduates of 1982
from the founders of Verbum Dei,
THE DIVINE WORD MISSIONARIES

Who? An international Catholic missionary community of 5,000 priests, brothers and deacons.

Where? Home and foreign missions in 37 countries in the Pacific and Far East, in Africa, North and South America and Europe.

What? Our task is to carry out Christ's command to preach gospel to all nations. In that way, we share in His mission.

How? By prayer and a variety of activities, such as parish and sacramental ministry, education and all kinds of social work among developing ad emering peoples. Also through other mission related activities like: building and mechanical maintenance, construction, many types of office and administration work, to mention but a few.



To Kevin and Kerry Jelks,

Throughout the years you have been a joy and the light of our lives.

We congratulate you both for being 1981 and 82 members of two National Honor Societies. You make us know that our struggle has not been in vain.

Kevin, congratulations to you on your graduation from Verbum Dei, but please know that you have crossed the hill, but the mountain stands before you. Always strive for lifes highest goals and success will be yours!

May God Bless you both always

Love ...
Mom & Papa

Alvin A. Walker, D.D.S.

Dentistry for Children

141 N. Prairie Avenue

Inglewood, California 90301

(213) 674-5656

STATE BRAKE & WHEEL

AUTO SAFETY SPECIALISTS

BRAKES
MUFFLERS
TIRE BALANCING

SMOG CONTROL
POWER STEERING
SHOCK ABSORBERS
WHEEL ALIGNMENT

CALIF. LICENSED BRAKE & SMOG STATION

8015 S. CENTRAL AVE., LOS ANGELES

581-5088

Leston Stallworth

Congratulations to the
Class of 1982

From an alumnus of '71

DARRELL CRAIG SIMIEN, D.D.S.
GENERAL DENTISTRY

940 E. Dominguez
Suite C

CARSON, CALIFORNIA 90746
(213) 515-1490

CONGRATULATIONS!

MANCHESTER MEDICAL PHARMACY

2222 W. MANCHESTER BLVD.

971-0174

INGLEWOOD CALIF. 90305

"SERVICE BECAUSE WE CARE"

TO SCOOTER, I HOPE YOU GET OUT OF LIFE WHAT YOU DESIRE. YOU HAVE WORKED VERY HARD TO GET THIS FAR, BUT PLEASE DON'T GIVE UP.

GOOD LUCK, YOUR FRIEND GEORGE CAMERON

293-5844

George Cameron
BAIL BONDS

GEORGE CAMERON
BAIL AGENT
24 HOUR SERVICE

4230 DON TAPIA PLACE
LOS ANGELES, 90008

RADIAN

Is Radian the next superhero?

By Russ Britt
Assistant Editor

"Look, up in the sky ... It's a bird ... It's a plane ... No it's ... Radian?!"

That may not be the scene Inglewood cardiologist and author Dr. James Mays had in mind when he created the first black superhero "Radian," but his newly formed character, due to be found in Mays' fourth novel Nov. 13, will stand up with the best crime fighters of the day.

"Radian" was inspired by Mays' desire to find a black role-model for his five-year-old son. He had taken him to see "Rocky" and "Rocky II" but Apollo Creed, Rocky's black nemesis, was somewhat of a villain.

"I live in Palos Verdes. There's no problem living there but when my son and his friends shadow box, he always loses ... I asked him why he always loses and he said 'it's because I'm black, like Apollo Creed.'"

Media stereotypes blacks

"The media has always felt blacks have identified with jiving and being cool." Mays said, citing several blaxploitation films such as "Shaft" and "Superfly." "(They) felt that's what blacks would see. Well, they saw it because it was the only thing blacks were involved with (in film.)"

Mays stressed "Radian" would be a superhero in the mold of Superman and would not address social issues, but would only fight crime.

"He's black but he's a superhero for all kids," Mays said.

Only one black hero

Mays said there is only one black superhero on Saturday morning cartoons for children. The Black Falcon, but he, according to Mays, "works in the ghetto only. He also needs another white superhero to help him, even in his 'own turf.'"

Mays is planning an extensive public relations promotion that already has begun. A lifesize model of "Radian" now is on display at the Williams Fashion Center in Inglewood.

He also would like to see "Radian" in celluloid, though he said he has "not presented it to the networks thus far."

Agrees with Falwell

"(Radian') goes with the concept of Jerry Falwell." Mays said, "He's only saying 'be good'."

This is somewhat of a first in Mays' career as an author. His other three novels have dealt with intrigue and suspense, as well black history.

His first two novels, "Mercy is King" and "Chameleon," deal with the problems of opening a predominantly black hospital, Martin Luther King, in the midst of racial tension. These novels address social problems as well as throw in a little suspense.

His third, a thriller, "Circle of Fire," is what he called his first "exclusively white" novel. "Circle of Fire" was the story of a large oil company which hoarded large amounts of oil, much more than they could handle, and ended up burning it while making it look accidental.

Two more books

Mays also has two more books in the works, "Blink of an Eye," a novel about a successful woman lawyer who can't find happiness, and "Dr. Dan, Man of Steel," a book about Dr. Daniel Hell Williams, a black doctor who performed the first successful open heart surgery in 1883.

Though it would seem Mays is spending a lot of time as an author, he insists he always will remain a cardiologist.

"I like everything I'm doing," Mays said, adding that he will keep his "ghetto office," as he puts it, on the eastern border of Inglewood because "there's so much to be done here."

But he also promises more novels in the future.

"(When I write) I can step out of character. I can curse, make love, all those things. It represents an outlet."

Dr. James Mays is pictured here with a lifesize model of his newest creation, Radian. Radian was created to provide a role-model for black children but Mays said he is "a super-hero for all kids."

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF '82
DR. JAMES MAYS

BEST OF LUCK TO THE CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS OF '82

WITH LOVE,

MRS. WEBSTER *MISS RAISOLA*

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 1982!

BEST WISHES . . .

James Owen and Mary Lena Healey

NEW & REBUILT
AUTO PARTS

BOB COLLINS
Auto Parts & Service

(213) 569-2673

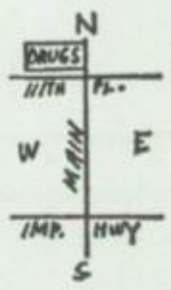
10725 Compton Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90059

A priest who makes housecalls through T.V.!
Watch 30 minutes with Fr. Manning
channel 40: Sundays 6pm & Mondays 12noon.

LET A LITTLE DAB DO YOU - PHARMACY THAT IS I

DABNEY'S PHARMACY

11115 So. Main Street
Los Angeles, California 90061



CHARLES DABNEY
WILLYE DABNEY
Owners

Phone 757-2263

582-5839

Bob's Tire Co.
NEW & USED TIRES & TUBES
TRUCK, TRACTOR & PASSENGER

1650 EAST FIRESTONE
LOS ANGELES, CALIF. 90001
BOB OPEN 8:30-5:30

Fixes flats on cars, trucks, and tractors.

Open 7 days a week 8am to 7pm.
N.T. BROWNS BARBER SHOP

Congratulations and best wishes to Kevin Jelks. May God bless you and keep you in His care. The Youth and Young Adult Dept. of Solid Rock Baptist Church. Mrs. Lillian Harris; Youth Director Rev. J.P. Anderson, Pastor

One Stop Check Cashing Service 2710 Alondra Bl. Compton, CA Ph. 604-1690. Payroll, Welfare, city, state, county, federal money orders. Other services available.

Good Luck Graduates. Verbum Dei Karate Clu A.K.A. "The Fighting Eagles" Sensei John Soltis

Congratulations Kevin Jelks in all that you do. We love you and are so proud of you. God bless you. Your other family, The Terrels

To our son Lee Douglas,
We are very proud of all your accomplishments.
God bless you in the future.
Love,
Tip, Mom, Ronnie, Sharon, and Dorisha

Congratulations Kevin Jelks, We love you and are so happy for you now and always. Good luck and may God bless you always. The Teak Social Club.

Congratulations to the Class of '82 Best Wishes,

Mr. Gutekanst

Best Wishes to Verbum Dei Meirer's Tavern

CONGRATULATIONS
TO THE
VERBUM DEI C.I.F.
CHAMPIONS.

FISCHBACH AND MOORE, INC.
646 BEACHWOOD DR.
LOS ANGELES, CA

Congratulations Seniors, From Mrs. Harris and her Grandchildren, Tameka and Frankie. Mrs. Harris has been with the school for 15 years.

THANKS Mrs. Harris!

Congratulations
To The
Class Of '82!
J.V.C. California/Southwest

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF '82 AND GOD'S BLESSINGS IN YOUR FUTURE ENDEAVOURS.

'Mitzy', De'Sire and Mrs. Harmon.

SPECIAL THANKS TO . . .

— Fr. Thoma James, S.V.D.

— Rev. Jon Wadeson, S.V.D. and his camera which took many of the beautiful photos adorning these very pages.

— Miss Raisola for giving the advisor money when he needed it.

— Mrs. Webster for giving the advisor grief (and a few laughs).

— Betty and Bill.

— Yary Photography, Inc.

— O'Finnegan's Photography.

— Mr. Ernie Chavez and His Disco Dance Committee.

— Fischbach and Moore, Inc.

— Miss Donna, Miss Merlene, Meester Platt, and Miss Corrado for putting up with all this nonsense.

— Victor Taylor, Danny Bakewell, and Darryl Thomas.

— Mrs. Healey's typing classes.

— all of those people not mentioned but who helped out.

— Finally . . . a very special thanks to the following students who gave up weeknights, weekends, and dates to put this thing together: Rodney Miller, Leo Mitchell, Louis Reyes, John Lewis, Thomas Parrish, Elliott Walker, Eric Evans, and Jeff Taylor. You are all fine, hardworking young men, I'm proud to know each of you.

Mr. G.

STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE
VERBUM DEI HIGH SCHOOL
11100 S. CENTRAL
LOS ANGELES CA.